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THE TOP 10 THINGS TO DO THIS WEEK



Nigel Price and Vasilis Xenopoulos perform in Harlow this week

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NIGEL PRICE QUARTET WITH VASILIS XENOPOULOS, HARLOW CRICKET CLUB, CHIPPINGFIELD, OLD HARLOW: FRIDAY, MAY 26 AT 7.30PM

Award-winning jazz guitarist Nigel Price is joined by his band and Greek saxophone star Vasilis Xenopoulos for this latest concert at Marigolds. Tickets are £8 on the door

MUSICAL TREAT

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Pianist Adrian Aldland will perform variations on a theme by Corelli. An optional lunch is available for 12.45pm. Lunch costs £5 on the door.

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LET'S DANCE

HEART 4 HARLOW FESTIVAL, THE WATER GARDENS, HARLOW: FRIDAY, MAY 26, SATURDAY, MAY 27 AND SUNDAY, MAY 28

The annual free music and dance festival returns to The Water Gardens for three days. Robert Halfon will kick off proceedings from 12pm on the Friday. Funky Voices and Community Praise are among the performers. For the full line-up visit www.heart4harlow.org.uk - free.

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around.

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Alien: Covenant is showing at cinemas now
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Rock band Kasabian and some of the students of Burnt Mill Academy

Photos: MARTINE XERRI

Rockers perform role of opening school hall

Kasabian entertain students as radio show is broadcast live

By William Mata

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KASABIAN performed hits for pupils at Burnt Mill Academy as part of an Absolute Radio show.

The school in First Avenue, Harlow, hosted the rock band in their school hall last Friday (May 19) as part of BrekFest and station host Christian O'Connell presented his breakfast show live.

Burnt Mill (BMA) won a competition in association with Wickes to host the band and they also had their hall decorated and equipped for live music.

Band members Tom Meighan and Serge Pizzorno officially opened the modified school hall, took part in an interview with Christian and later had a question and answer session with students.

After being introduced, Serge told the 150 students assembled: "It is definitely up there as one of the strangest gigs we have ever done."

"It's nice to come back here to a school today."

Surprise

The four-piece then played an acoustic set of tracks starting with latest single You're in Love with a Psycho, followed by Stevie and LSF. They also played a surprise cover of Kum Ba Yah.

Absolute Radio offered venues nationwide the chance to host BrekFest. To win, BMA students recorded a cover of Kasabian classic Club Foot with re-worked lyrics.

After popular music venue The Square closed in Harlow, BMA's media officer Adam Smith said he hopes the school can be used as a venue for young people to perform music.

John Blaney, head teacher, added: "It was a surreal start to the school day. I am nervous about my assemblies next week following on. Adam Smith has worked incredibly hard to create this."

"It is a lift for the community and



Tom Meighan, left, and Serge Pizzorno, far left, of Kasabian perform live for pupils at Burnt Mill Academy as part of Absolute Radio's BrekFest, hosted by breakfast show presenter Christian O'Connell

such an event is very special."

Alex Johnson and Tasfia Ahmed, head boy and girl, introduced the band. Alex said: "I think it's amazing actually, well done."

Christian's long-suffering co-host Richie Firth dressed in BMA uniform and joined the school's ukulele band for a cover of Fire before sitting (and failing) a SAT test.

The Q&A session provoked some quirky responses. When Tom was asked who his idol was, he replied it was his bandmate Serge, who in turn

replied that his own idol was Daley Thompson.

One boy drew a laugh from the crowd by asking if being in a band makes it easier to get a girlfriend.

All four band members then toured the school and posed for a photograph with a large group of students.

Pub offers chance of a gig at the O2

A HARLOW pub is hosting a musical talent show which will give the winner the chance to perform at the O2.

The Willow, in Hodings Road, is hosting a heat of national competition Live at Your Local at a date to be decided in early June. Top performers qualify for regional finals and advance to the O2's Indigo stage. The overall winner will also get their weight in beer and a day in a recording studio, with their track being added to the playlist of Greene King pubs, the firm organising the competition.

Glynn Price, general manager of The Willow, said: "Pubs are the traditional home of music, playing a part in launching the careers of some of the world's biggest artists - from the Arctic Monkeys and Ed Sheeran to U2 and Elton John."

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Man avoids prison time over Class A drug deals

A HARLOW man has avoided a jail sentence after police caught him driving round the town selling Class A drugs.

Alan Barron, 53, of Church End, was stopped while driving in Barley Croft on December 13 last year by officers who found 32 wraps each of crack cocaine and heroin on him, valuing a total of £600.

He admitted two counts of possessing Class A drugs with intent to supply at Chelmsford Crown Court last Thursday (May 18), where he was handed a suspended two-year prison sentence and a rehabilitation order.

Prosecutor Marc Brown said: "Police officers were on routine patrol in Harlow when a light blue Mercedes came to their attention.

"They could see the front of the car was damaged and the two rear wheels' suspension was raised to a point considered dangerous."

Pursued

The officers saw two men in the car, which they pursued onto Paringdon Road before losing sight of it.

When they found the Mercedes on Barley Croft, the defendant was driving but the passenger had fled.

Police checks revealed he did not have a driving licence and was not the owner of the car.

Barron admitted he was carrying illegal substances and showed the officers a plastic bottle containing 60 wraps of Class A drugs, before a further four were found on his person.

"He said he was in debt to a drug dealer called River who forced him to sell drugs," Mr Brown added. "He had picked up a package from a Waltham Abbey petrol station and already conducted one deal that night."

The buyer was the passenger who had fled, shortly after paying Barron £120.

The defendant has 18 previous convictions for 36 offences, including three counts of possession with intent to supply Class A drugs in 2004, for which he was jailed for two years.

Barron must abide by a curfew and complete 30 days of rehabilitation over the course of a nine-month programme.



A still from the video

Three men questioned over attack on garden

THREE men have been questioned by police after vandals ransacked a memorial garden for Summer Grant.

The seven-year-old girl died in March last year when a bouncy castle she was playing on in Harlow Town Park blew away in high winds.

Valley Primary Academy, in Summer's home city of Norwich, found a garden they had installed in her memory to have been vandalised last Wednesday (May 17).

Norfolk Police confirmed three men had been identified in connection to the crime. Inquiries are ongoing to speak to a fourth man.

A spokesman said: "Police can confirm they have identified three males sought in connection with an incident of criminal damage at Valley Primary in Norwich".

Man claims he did not know he was in drug-filled room

Baker tells court he was just playing with baby when police raided

By **Conor Gogarty**
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A BAKER accused of running a Class A drugs operation in Harlow claims he was just playing with a baby when police found him in a room strewn with over £1,000 worth of heroin and crack cocaine.

Ishmail Kelly, 24 from Camberwell, was unanimously found guilty last Friday, May 19, of two counts of possession of Class A drugs with intent to supply and will be sentenced at Chelmsford Crown Court on Friday, June 9.

Police raided a house in Longfield on January 12 and entered a room rented by the defendant's cousin, Ajaun Riley, who had already pleaded guilty to the same charges brought against Kelly, an employee of Tasty Bakery in Cat-

ford.

PC Gary Spinks and Dc Jake Etheridge found Riley bagging up drugs on a bed, where Kelly was also sitting with five wraps of heroin and one of crack cocaine in his pocket.

In total, the room contained 96 wraps of crack cocaine and 24 of heroin, altogether weighing just over 11 grams and valued at worth more than £1,000.

Around

A woman named Rebecca Brown and a girl aged around one were also present in the room, where £1,620 in cash was found. Kelly claims he does not know Ms Brown or the parents of the baby.

Kelly told the court he did not see any drugs despite sitting on a bed covered in crack cocaine rocks which were being wrapped

up by his cousin.

He said: "It was of no interest to me. I was on the phone and playing with the baby."

Kelly claims he put the wraps of Class As in his pocket because the baby had reached out to grab them.

When asked in his police interview why he was concerned about the child touching the wraps if he did not know what they were, Kelly said: "I didn't want the baby putting something in its mouth."

He added that he did not look at the drugs and had been planning to put them in the bin, but forgot they were in his pocket.

When the officers burst in, Kelly told someone on his phone: "I am about to get arrested."

In his police interview, he said it was a case of "wrong place,

wrong time".

Prosecutor David Jones revealed two phones were found on Kelly, one of which contained a list of 25 names and phone numbers.

Mr Jones said these people have "associations in Harlow who are known to be drug dealers or are on other drug dealers' phones as well".

Strongly

He added: "The same list was on Mr Riley's phone, which strongly suggests they were acting together."

Texts had recently been sent from the phone, which Mr Jones described as "like an ice-cream van letting people know the dealers' wares are for sale".

The phone also contained an image of Principal Skinner from

TV show The Simpsons, together with the words: "When a crack-head comes to the traphouse and you leave him alone with the food for 0.05 seconds".

In a statement to the court, Dc Stephen Baker described this as a "humorous take" on drug-dealing, in which "food" means drugs and "traphouse" means crack den.

Kelly told the court Riley had given him the phone shortly before the arrest because he had asked for a new one.

He added that he was in the building because he wanted to rent a room there and had been speaking to the landlord.

To explain why he was in Riley's room, he said: "I was looking to rent a room, then the landlord's parents were there, so I had to go upstairs."

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Former England footballer Wayne Bridge

Local youth groups given a sporting chance to get their hands on £1,000

ENGLAND football and rugby stars Wayne Bridge and Kyran Bracken are offering Harlow sports clubs the chance to win £1,000.

As part of a promotion with central heating firm Worcester, Bosch Group (WBG), the former internationals are asking residents to nominate a worthy club.

Ex-Chelsea, Manchester City and Southampton left back Bridge, 36, and Bracken, 42, who

was part of the 2003 Rugby World Cup winning squad, recently visited their own youth clubs for a promotion.

WBG could be making another surprise visit soon to a Harlow club if a nomination is successful.

Sue Pennington, consumer brand manager at WBG, said: "Youth sport is such an important part of local communities.

"This year we wanted to give

something back – not just to the players, but to the parents and coaches who give up their time and energy every week to celebrate their children's love of sport.

"It would be great to visit a grass roots team in Harlow." To nominate a worthy club visit www.worcesterbosch.co.uk/rely before Sunday July 30, stating in 100 words why the team deserves a surprise visit from WBG.

Three jailed over warehouse death

Company directors failed to protect man

By Charlotte Page

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THREE men have been jailed following the death of a man at a warehouse in Harlow.

Nikolai Valkov, 63, of Warwick Road, Edmonton in North London suffered serious injuries after he fell through the roof of the warehouse that he was working on at Ozdil House, River Way in Harlow on April 13, 2015.

Mr Valkov died after being taken to Princess Alexandra Hospital following the incident.

Building

Ozdil Investments Ltd, who owned the building and its directors, Firat Ozdil, 42, of Bowood Road, Enfield and Ozgur Ozdil, 33, of Cherrydown Avenue, London, for failure of duty under Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Koseoglu Metal works, which was employed as a contractor, and its director, Kadir Kose, were also charged.

Following a hearing at Chelmsford Crown Court on September 27, 2016, Koseoglu Metal Works pleaded guilty to corporate manslaughter and a failure of duty of care under Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Kose, 52, of Cavendish Street, London, also pleaded guilty to a failure to discharge their duty under Section 3 of the Health and

Safety at Work Act.

Following a four-week trial at Chelmsford Crown Court on Thursday, February 2, a jury found Ozdil Investments guilty of corporate manslaughter and having committed a gross breach of its duty of care to Mr Valkov as part of the section three of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Also found guilty were its directors, Firat Ozdil, 42, of Bowood Road, Enfield and Ozgur Ozdil, 33, of Cherrydown Avenue, London, for failure of duty under Section 3 of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Firat Ozdil has been jailed for 12 months, Ozgur Ozdil has been sentenced to ten months and Kadir Kose has been given eight months in prison.

All three men were also disqualified from company directors for ten years.

Ozdil Investments Ltd has been fined £500,000 for corporate manslaughter and ordered to pay in full, court costs of £53,115.32. The company was also fined £160,000 under section three of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Koseoglu Metal Works has been fined £300,000 for corporate manslaughter and ordered to pay in full, court costs of £21,231.76. It was fined £100,000 under section

three of the Health and Safety at Work Act.

Speaking of the case, recently retired detective inspector in the case Ian Jennings, said: "Nikolai Valkov was utterly failed by Firat and Ozgur Ozdil, Kadir Kose, and the companies they ran.

"His death was completely preventable and has caused an immeasurable sense of sadness and loss to his family.

"The Ozdils and Kose showed a total disregard for their responsibilities to ensure the safety of workers on the site."

Face

He continued: "These men now face a significant amount of time in prison to reflect on their actions, or lack of them, and I pleased they will not be able to put anyone else's safety at risk.

"I hope their sentences will bring some solace to Nikolai's family. It won't bring him back though, and that is something his loved ones have to deal with every day."

David King, HSE inspector after the hearing, added: "It is essential both clients and contractors comply with their duties under relevant regulations when planning and undertaking construction work."

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GENERAL ELECTION

Health minister says town needs 'a new hospital'

Candidate says building needs replacing

By William Mata

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HEALTH Secretary Jeremy Hunt said Harlow needs a new hospital "sooner rather than later," on a visit to the town.

The Conservative candidate for Surrey South West toured one unit of Princess Alexandra Hospital (PAH) and then briefly spoke to media outside Harlow Pharmacy in Wych Elm on Friday, May 12.

Robert Halfon and Phil Waite, respective Conservative and Labour general election candidates for Harlow, have both said the town needs a new hospital to replace PAH, which is currently in special measures.

Mr Hunt said: "I think Harlow needs a new hospital sooner rather than later, but I don't want to make a commitment at this stage, just to say I recognise the need."

"The money can only come from a strong economy and from Theresa May negotiating a good Brexit deal giving the chancellor the money to invest."

Fought

"What I would say is that nobody has fought harder for it than Robert Halfon."

PAH is in special measures after being rated 'inadequate' by the Care Quality Commission last year. Mr Hunt visited the maternity ward which had been rated

'outstanding' and re-affirmed his desire to see Robert Halfon elected as Harlow MP.

He added: "I introduced the special measures regime to make sure hospitals do not run in to difficulty."

Mr Halfon has now welcomed Jeremy Hunt to Harlow three times.

He said: "One of my priorities is for a new hospital."

"It has a number of problems. It has an aging building and we need a new hospital, it has a higher use almost than anywhere in England."

"There are many good things. The work and professionalism is second to none."

"More resources and focus is



Robert Halfon and Jeremy Hunt

Picture by SIMON CARTER

needed across the board.

"One of my jobs if I am re-elected is to work hard for what the hospital needs."

It has been widely reported that nurses nationally are frequently using foodbanks.

On this topic Mr Halfon said: "I recognise times have been hard."

"The Government has had to make difficult choices, but we are

putting in all the resources we can."

Speaking to the Harlow Star last week, Labour PCC Phil Waite said: "It is a disgrace, the Government can make all the excuses they like when they have underinvested in the NHS."

"They have failed all of their targets, the four hour waiting time target has not been met for

two years.

"I think Harlow needs a new hospital. There needs to be a community team set up for social care."

Mr Halfon and Mr Waite are contesting the Harlow seat on June 8 alongside Geoff Seeff (Liberal Democrat), Hannah Clare (Green) and Mark Gough (Ukip).

Labour are currently leading our poll ahead of June vote

LABOUR is leading the polls in Harlow.

Despite speculation of a Conservative landslide, the Labour Party is leading the polls over the Tories in Harlow by almost two percentage points.

Of the 290 people registered to vote in Harlow who responded to our online poll, 22.4 per cent said they are intending to vote Labour, compared to 20.7 per cent of people who intend to vote Tory.

More than a third of people (35 per cent) have not yet made their minds up on how they want to vote.

To win the seat Labour will have to overcome a sizeable majority of almost 8,500.

Majority

In 2010, the Tories took the seat with 19,691 – a majority of almost 5,000 after overturning a small Labour majority from 2005.

The candidate for Labour, Phil Waite, said: "We are getting positive feedback on the doors – clearly it is not scientific."

"The return we have had on the doors, especially since the Tory manifesto was launched, has been very positive."

"The Tory manifesto has been going down like lead balloon because of the social welfare policy."

"Elderly people are distraught and middle-aged people are not too impressed that the wealth



Phil Waite

they have built up is going to be taken away from them to pay for social care."

"That key bit has resonated particularly badly."

Conservative Robert Halfon said: "I don't pay attention to polls whether they are good or bad because the only polls that count are the ones on election day."

"I campaign every day – getting a wonderful response. There is a massive amount of

work."

"I campaign every minute of every day to try to make the case."

He added: "Protecting the NHS is one of my key priorities."

Spending

"That's why we have 27 new doctors and 35 new nurses, spending on NHS in west Essex has gone up by more than six per cent and I am campaigning for a new hospital as well."

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You're never too young to get involved in the political scene

In the run-up to general election, the Harlow Star has launched a campaign, #myvote, to encourage young people to use their vote. This week a teenager from the town shows that politics is important to people of all ages

A HARLOW teenager is proving politics is not an old man's game in door knocking and canvassing around town.

Jake Shepherd, 19, is supporting Labour in the election on Thursday, June 8 and has also thrown his weight behind the Harlow Star's #MyVote campaign to encourage younger voters.

The deadline to register to vote passed on Tuesday (May 22) but as only 44 per cent of 18 to 24 year olds cast their vote in the 2015 election young people are being rallied to take part.

Mr Shepherd said: "I am back from university and I have been in a proactive campaign, canvassing and door knocking.

"It can be quite daunting (for a young person). When I knock on a door some people are quite surprised that someone so young could be involved in politics.

"I think if your mind is made up (on a political party) there is no reason why you should not consider campaigning."

Mr Shepherd, who studies geography, politics and international relations at Royal Holloway, University of London, also campaigned for people to register to

vote.

He continued: "A handful of young people are doing it but most are retired.

"We are just at the beginning of our lives so when we knock on the door younger people might feel more comfortable with



Jake Shepherd, far left, out campaigning with PCC Phil Waite, far right, and other supporters

people who are able to relate to them. Young people can offer an alternative perspective on politics.

"Older voters may not feel that they can trust someone younger with some issues," he continued.

"It is about changing assumptions, young people understand mortgages (for example) is one aspect of home

ownership and it's a conversation young people can have and have experience of."



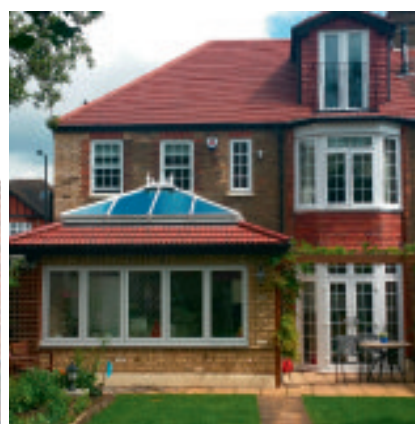
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Our reporter has earplugs fitted to find out what life is like for deaf

'I felt lost after just one hour in world of silence'

Most of us take being able to hear everything going on around us for granted. But the world is a different place if you can't, as **Will Mata** discovered during Deaf Awareness Week

I AM walking along Harlow's Broad Walk feeling extremely self-conscious. I have green plugs in my ears and I can't hear very much at all.

This is because I have volunteered to be part of a Specsavers campaign for Deaf Awareness Week, which concluded last Friday.

Anita Ramdoss, hearing aid audiologist at Specsavers, has just told me I have good hearing but after she fitted me with the plugs I am finding an everyday task harder than usual.

Unsteady

Ordering a coffee in Costa is just about manageable as I can hear the barista, but the usually noisy background has been muted, which makes me feel unsteady and unsure who is around me.

I am also less able to hear myself, and my colleague has told me I was speaking loudly at first but I am now talking at a whisper.

After my hour is up I am relieved to take the ear plugs out. But for many people hearing loss



Gene and hearing dog Rosie

is a lifelong problem.

More than 70 per cent of people aged 70 and above have hearing loss but sufferers often feel misunderstood or a burden to friends or family.

Miss Ramdoss said: "It can be frustrating.

"They have to ask people to repeat themselves over and over,



Anita Ramdoss, of Specsavers Harlow, giving reporter William Mata a hearing check

so they may just not ask at all.

"They can become withdrawn. They don't do what they usually do and feel they can become a burden.

"Family members can get frustrated when they have to repeat themselves over and over."

She added: "We have an ageing population and people are living into their nineties now.

"We would encourage people with hearing problems to address those issues.

"It can take ten years for someone to deal with hearing loss. It can start in your early to mid-sixties."

Miss Ramdoss says typical signs of hearing loss include turning up the television to a high volume or commenting that people are muttering.

To prevent hearing loss, she recommends wearing ear protection when at a concert or nightclub and adopting a healthy lifestyle.

As for speaking to people with hearing loss, she says it is better not to shout but instead to speak clearly and look at the person.

Miss Ramdoss said: "With hearing loss you are not sure how you are with other people, they do not know how loud they are talking.

"It can put people off being social.

"What a lot of people end up doing is guessing and they can stop contributing to the conversation."



The lost ring

Mum's plea after losing prized ring

A MOTHER of two is appealing for the safe return of a priceless engagement ring she last saw in Harlow.

Lucy Thomas, 44, of Epping, last had the green tourmaline gemstone piece on the evening of Sunday, May 7, when she saw a film at the Harvey Centre Cineworld with her kids.

But after a thorough search of the shopping mall and multiplex nothing has been found. She is unsure if it was stolen or lost.

Mrs Thomas said: "I am really desperate to find it. My husband is a postman and saved up hard to buy it 17 years ago. I just want it back as it's my most precious possession.

"I have been in touch with pawn shops. I don't want it replaced, I just want it back as it is the most important thing I have got."

Mrs Thomas has offered a £100 reward to anyone who finds it.

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Susan Eggleton
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Owners upset as pet cat loses leg after dog attack

'Devastated' Susan tells of feline's ordeal

By William Mata

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A HARLOW woman has been left "devastated" after her cat lost a leg after being viciously attacked by a dog.

Susan Eggleton, of Markwell Wood, said her feline Bobby was injured on Sunday, May 7, and has had one leg amputated due to the risk of infection.

After she found out the police would not be taking further action, the owner said she wants to send an appeal for dog owners to be careful with their pets.

Irresponsible

Mrs Eggleton said: "We are devastated and I think attention needs to be drawn to this."

"Bobby is four and he has got three legs now for the rest of his life. We have insurance but it will still cost us loads."

"Someone has put us in this position because they cannot control their dog."

"It is totally irresponsible."

Bobby's gruesome injury res-



Bobby after being injured

ulted in the amputation as there was a risk of infection and there being no blood supply to the cat's toes.

Mrs Eggleton and her husband, Nigel, have another cat called Sophie and are wary that an out of control canine could strike again.

"The couple did not witness the incident and do not know the dog or its owner, which is why they

felt a police investigation was not possible.

After Bobby, a rescue cat from the RSPCA, was hurt Mrs Eggleton put leaflets through neighbours' doors as a warning.

She added: "Until something else happens, and it is evident who it is then I'm sure nothing will be done and they will get away with it. Next time it could be another animal or even a child."

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Marc will climb UK's ten highest peaks in 5 days

Hospital worker's mountain challenge

By William Mata

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A HARLOW man will climb the UK's ten highest peaks in just five days for Princess Alexandra Hospital's Charitable Fund.

Marc Rhodes, 30, of Bush Fair, Harlow, will scale a combined 41,452ft in the Scottish highlands, which dwarfs Mount Everest's height of 29,000ft.

The business intelligence developer for the hospital in Hamstel Road, Harlow, will also sleep in a tent and carry supplies along the way. He begins on Thursday, May 25.

Fast

"I am going to do it as fast as possible," he said. "It is ten peaks and it is a lot of work. It is completely solo.

"I have done a lot of climbing in the mountains but nothing close to this. It is the biggest challenge I have ever done. I will be on my feet for five days."



Marc Rhodes on the summit of Mount Snowdon

To put the challenge into context, Mount Snowdon and Scafell Pike, the respective highest peaks in Wales and England, do not even make the top ten in the UK.

At 4,409 feet, Ben Nevis is the highest of the ten, but sociable Mr Rhodes fears the isolation most.

He said: "I am on my own and I am relying on my navigation skills alone for five days in the middle of nowhere and there is no margin for error.

"It's quite daunting," he added.

So far he has raised £265 for the charity, which invests in research and resources to support patients.

Mr Rhodes said: "It is a charity close to my heart and I am looking to raise as much as possible. I have no target and would be happy to get anything."

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Marc Rhodes, pictured in the Lake District



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Simon Mathieson, Finite Solutions' consultancy director, said: "We've been blown away by the fantastic response we've had to the Cine-Makeover campaign.

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Former police officer claims force morale 'lowest in 31 years' and area is 'in peril'

Town's thin blue line 'is starting to fail locals'

By William Mata

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A RETIRED Harlow policeman said the force is in a "perilous", state because of government cuts.

Keith Young, 53, of Church Langley, Harlow is speaking out after being "gagged", during his 31-year service because of policing guidelines.

The former officer shared fears that serious crime in Harlow town centre will become more commonplace unless bobbies are put back on the beat.

Mr Young said:

Keith Young felt gagged while he was a serving officer



"The government is having police stations closed and hours reduced. The fact is that community policing has disappeared.

"PCSOs deal with the more routine things and have greater contact with the public but the communities in Harlow don't know who their police officer is, they have been withdrawn.

"We need to have that contact with residents to gain their trust. I have read about the serious assaults in Harlow town centre.

"I don't see any police there and CCTV does not replace a police presence."

He also considered hate

crime to be a serious issue within the town on the back of the EU Referendum and considers the rise of private security firms is a threat to the police's existence.

In Frinton-on-Sea, a selection of residents have paid a company to complete patrols after the town police station closed. Town leaders were not keen on Harlow following suit.

Mr Young said: "It is dissolving the police force. What will happen

is we will go to the American model where the more affluent people can pay for private service firms.

"Poorer areas will become ghettos and these places will become crime magnets. It is a recipe for disaster having private security firms with no training or powers."

Policing has been a key topic in the general election campaign. Both Conservative candidate

Robert Halfon and Labour's Phil Waite have shared their feelings.

Mr Young, who also worked for some time in Ilford, said: "Policing is in a perilous state. The so called thin blue line disappeared when Theresa May was home secretary.

"The gaps in the thin blue line have got larger and larger because of her draconian cuts to the point where it no longer exists.

"Entire departments are disap-

pearing overnight and this workload is expected to be picked up by over worked police officers on top of their many other duties.

"Morale is at the lowest I have known it for 31 years. Police officers can't wait to leave the service because of the impossible stress the system and the officers are subjected to.

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This year also marks the firm's 50th anniversary, a milestone moment in which its five decades of delivering unparalleled service to the region will be celebrated.

Full of praise for the awards, Jane Winfield, commercial property partner and head of business development at Wortley Byers Law, explained the firm's association with the awards, and why it has once again made the decision to become headline

sponsors. Each year the standard of the businesses that enter the awards increases," Jane said. "We at Wortley Byers Law are very keen to put successful businesses 'on the map' and likewise as a quality provider of legal services for businesses across Essex and the remainder of the country.

"We are proud of the association and equally welcome the opportunity to be put 'on the map' with these successful businesses.

"Being a headline sponsor is an indication of how seriously we take the judging process and how highly we view the prestige attached to the awards themselves."

Whether it is as a finalist, sponsor or even as a guest, it is impossible to ignore the benefits that come with being associated with these awards.

Jane identified the key opportunities the awards bring for the firm.

"Wortley Byers Law is very keen to support Essex businesses and being involved with the awards means that we get to meet some fantastic people and teams who represent the very best of what Essex has to offer," she said.

"Being associated with such businesses is perfect for Wortley Byers Law as we provide quality legal services, to all sizes of businesses at London standards of service, but not at London rates.

"Wortley Byers Law is the hidden gem of Essex and we have always been very proud to be associated with the business awards because of the calibre of entrants it always attracts."

Wortley Byers Law has held a presence in Essex since 1967 and

so when asked what makes Essex an attractive region for businesses to settle, Jane was confident in the region's key assets.

"Essex is unique in its proximity not only to London and major ports but also the infrastructure connecting these areas to the remainder of the country.

"Our county is home to world-class technology companies, research parks, knowledge workers and university research capabilities.

"The potential for growth is limitless. Further growth is expected with the Crossrail and broadband initiatives."

Anniversary

To conclude, Jane shared details of what is on the cards for the business during the remainder of its anniversary year.

"This year is a very important one for Wortley Byers," she said.

"Since 1967 Wortley Byers (in a slightly different format at that time!) has been providing private client and business services to clients in Essex and across the country.

"Our focus on maintaining exceptionally high standards of client service delivery remain constant. In line with our strategy, 2017 will see us taking on more legal staff and new clients in Essex and beyond.

"We will also be holding a 50th anniversary celebratory event for selected clients to celebrate the fact that not only are we exceptional lawyers but we are also very down to earth, fun people!"

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Jane Winfield of headline sponsor Wortley Byers Law is full of praise for the awards



Another toast to 2016's winners



Media 10 was the Essex Business of the Year in 2016, and CEO Lee Newton also won an award



Daniel Westthorp, left, was named Entrepreneur of the Year



The Best New Business was iTek Sales and Repair

The Essex Business Excellence Awards raise the profile of the region's thriving business community.

The region is home to a countless array of successful businesses working across a wide range of sectors.

These awards help celebrate business success over the past 12 months and this November will see 13 more companies crowned winners of their categories.

Nominations for the awards are officially open to any Essex businesses that believe they have what it takes to be crowned winner of any of the 13 categories.

The 2016 awards saw a large number of businesses entered into them, so let us cast our minds back to last year.

■ **Young Entrepreneur of the Year**
Rewarding those that have developed the entrepreneurial spirit at a young age, and subsequently built themselves a successful business, last year's Young

Entrepreneur of the Year award went to Daniel Westthorp, who is the director of Welding Engineering Services.

Under his wing, Welding Engineering Services has become one of the leading welding distributors in Essex and Kent.

■ **Essex Business of the Year**
Arguably the most coveted award of last

year, and the years previous to it, was the Essex Business of the Year, which recognises years of dedication to an industry.

Taking this award home in 2016 was Media 10 Ltd, which is the region's most decorated media and events company. Perhaps one of their most prestigious events it organises is the Coronation Festival at Buckingham Palace.

■ **Outstanding Business Person**
Toasting an individual that has demonstrated an outstanding business drive and ethos, this category went to CEO Lee Newton, who heads Media 10 Ltd.

He was also part of the team that walked away with the Essex Business of the Year category on the evening.

Under his leadership, the company has grown significantly and has secured partnerships with some of the biggest names in the media industry, including ITV, CBS, Channel 4, BBC and Virgin Media.

■ **Best New Business**

Essex is a region that always welcomes new businesses with open arms, and at last year's awards it was the turn of iTek Sales and Repair to be hailed as the cream of new business.

The company specialise in repairing the likes of MacBooks, iMacs, phones and tablets as well as personalising devices.

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Alfie Mitchell-Brown

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Happy 18th Birthday 26-05-2017 All our love Nan Grandad and Gem xxx



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Newnham Karen

Happy Birthday From Mum, Dad, Maxine, Glenn and Children xxx



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Bereavements

Janet ANGLIN

Passed away peacefully on 12th May 2017 aged 69 years.

Much loved Mum and Nan who will be missed by all of her family.

The funeral service will take place at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 31st May at 11:30am.

Flowers to Daniel Robinson & Sons, Wych Elm, Harlow, CM20 1QP. Tel: 01279 426990

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Sadly passed away 22nd May 2017. Funeral at Harlow Crematorium 7th June at 10:45am.



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Bereavements

Alan GEORGE

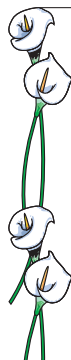
Sadly passed away on 8th May 2017, aged 58 years.

He will be greatly missed by all his loving family and everyone who knew him.

Funeral service to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Wednesday 31st May at 12.15pm.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, may be made payable to 'Campaign Against Living Miserably' (CALM) and sent

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Linda Carol HALL

Passed away peacefully on the 12th May 2017 aged 67. The beloved wife of John, she will be deeply missed by her children, grandchildren, friends and all who knew her. Linda's funeral service is to be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Tuesday 30th May 2017 at 12.15pm. Flowers or donations for The British Lung Foundation may be sent to Daniel Robinson & Sons, 3 Bullfields, Sawbridgeworth, CM21 9DB. Telephone 01279-722476

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Joan KITCHINGMAN

Aged 95 years (Widow of the late Jack Kitchingman) Formerly of Stonywood, Harlow.

Passed away peacefully on Friday 12th May. Much loved by all her family.

Funeral to take place on Thursday 1st June, Parndon Wood Crematorium at 1.45pm. All are welcome, but please confirm attendance to J J Burgess.

Flowers or donations, if desired, can be made payable to Alzheimer's Society and sent via J J Burgess & Sons, Alfred House 20, The Common, Hatfield, AL10 0ND, 01707 262 122.



David Reginald LAMBARTH

Sadly passed away on Monday 15th May 2017 aged 79

Dave was a devoted and beloved husband to Rita. A dearest Dad, Father-in-Law and Brother.

A wonderful and loving Grandad.

He was a kind and gentle man who was loved by all who knew him.

The funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Friday 2nd June at 10.45am.

All are welcome.

Bereavements

Robert Roy WASE (Bob)

Suddenly at home on 12th May 2017 aged 70 years

Dearest Husband to Jill and Dad to Ben and Sue.

He will be sadly missed by all his family and many friends.

Bob's funeral service will be held at Parndon Wood Crematorium on Thursday June 1st at 12.15pm. Family flowers only, donations yet to be decided. All enquiries to Masterson Funeral Home

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Ronald BILL

The wife and family of the late Ronald would like to thank all those who sympathised with them in their recent sad bereavement. To those who sent flowers and cards and who attended the funeral, also those who called at the house.

A special thanks to Reverend Bill for his words of comfort and taking the funeral service.

The day Thou gavest Lord is ended.

Birthday Memories

Mick GRIFFITHS

On your birthday, 26th May.

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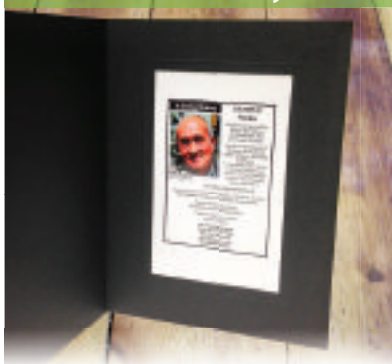
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Blue plaque for man whose sporting scoreboard finally made sense of team game

Inventor of cricket scoring is honoured



Three generations of Deards – Charlie, Daisy and Bob – at the unveiling of the plaque to honour Sam Deards, the inventor of the cricket scoreboard

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well known."

Mr Deards, who was born in 1842 and died in 1922, served as captain of the fire brigade, was an organist and sportsman.

But he is best remembered for inventing dry glazing, which was used on Crystal Palace, and the cricket scoreboard which was

essential equipment at grounds nationwide for many years.

Mr Newens continued: "He was a very inventive man. What he produced is something that went much further afield than Harlow."

At the ceremony Mr Deards' great grandson Charles Deards,

great great grandson Robert Deards and great great granddaughter Daisy Deards were in attendance.

The plaque was unveiled by Edna Stevens, chairman of Harlow Council.



Edna Stevens before the plaque unveiling

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By William Mata

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A HARLOW legend who invented the cricket scoreboard has been honoured with a blue plaque.

Nearly 100 years after his death, the name of Sam Deards was placed on the wall of his former home in West House, Park Hill, Harlow at a ceremony on Friday (May 19).

Admiration

Stan Newens, former Harlow MP and current chairman of Harlow Civic Society, gave a talk in admiration of a great inventor.

He said: "The Civic Society has a policy of trying to bring people of historic significance in our town to people's attention."

"Sam Deards was extremely

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From the moment you eagerly send out your save the dates to the content sigh gasped when you drop off your thank you notes at the post office, and all of the moments and pieces in between, there should be a sense of cohesion that both reflects your taste as a couple, as well as the desired mood of your nuptials.

Wedding stationery-invitations specifically-are more than just an opportunity to invite your guests to join you in the celebration of your marriage. They are quickly becoming a popular

way to tell a story. From the graphics, typography, paper stock and color, envelopments, bands, folds, die cuts, printing method, alignment, size, shape, even down to the stamp and more.

Couples are looking to take their guests on a figurative adventure, just as much as a real-life journey. Popular companies like Arak Kanofsky out of eastern Pennsylvania are known for working with couples to create hand-inked, painted and printed wardrobes to create individual works of art. One couple who was getting married in Tuscany, Italy, chose to incorporate a band around their destination wedding invitation suite paying homage to how they met: "It began as a chance meeting on the twelfth of December over oysters and a New York Times and they immediately knew that destiny had given them the ultimate gift."

Companies like the more whimsical Mr. Boddington's Studio in New York quite literally mapped out fate on a save the date when a couple asked them to showcase their individual, but concurrent journeys around the world: "After chasing each other around the world, Amy and Robert are on their way to Mexico to get married."

For other designers like Olio Style based out of San Francisco, their goal is to take a very modern approach. For a less conservative bride, a vibrant, custom monogram was created for the invitation and it coalesced right through all of the stationery, to the tags on the cashmere wraps for the ladies, and the lighting effect on the dance floor. Also located in San Francisco, designers like Viola Sutanto of Chewing the Cud took inspiration from the dramatic chandeliers in a reception site and interpreted them in a unique way. Injecting a slight edge, she mixed a palette of metallic grey with black and white showcasing illustrations of strung chandeliers right through to the front side of the envelope.

Regardless of your personal taste, your wedding stationery should be looked at as a way to express your wedding style. Even if you elect to stay with a more traditional white or cream paper stock, talk to your designer about experimenting with blind impression, paper sheens or colored and raised inks. Opting for something a bit more playful? Pair it with a pseudo neutral like grey or navy to keep it a bit more timeless. This is your opportunity to get your guests excited and filled with anticipation for the festivities to come.

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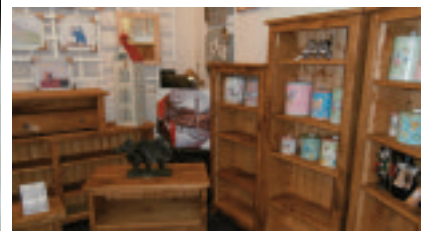
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"In California, we get to be a little playful; the rules aren't quite as rigid as in other parts of the country,"

explains Lauri Dorman, Vice President for the Emeryville-based caterer, where innovation has been a guiding principal for more than twenty-five years. Once couples confess their culinary passion, "We spin it and turn it and shake it upside down. We put a new twist on the old," she says.

From passed hors d'oeuvre of Macaroni Pearls-tiny, cheesy pasta beads served warm on a spoon-to a bacon and eggs amuse-bouche, a course of quail eggs

tucked inside prosciutto cups, to miniature peanut butter and jelly sandwiches served with icy cold milk shots during dancing, each custom menu is "full of surprises," Dorman says.

Ethan Mantle, chef/owner of Componere Fine Catering, also in Emeryville, says that food-savvy brides and grooms "want a culinary experience." The trend is toward more, smaller-portioned courses and dishes that are "upscale and unique, yet traditional." His Vietnamese Pho, for example, features thin-sliced Snake River Farms's Kobe beef tenderloin in a black summer-truffle beef broth.

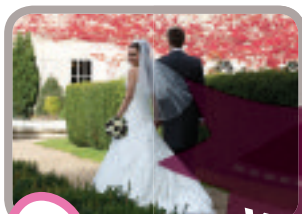
Trios and quartets of appetizers, soups or sweets allow for an enticing and playful array of colors, flavors and textures, but Mantle cautions they must be thoughtfully coordinated. A dessert plate's four items might all feature Frog Hollow Farm's stone fruit: hot apricot-filled doughnuts rolled in vanilla-bean sugar, ice cream sandwich triangles with layers of plum and white chocolate parfait, warm peach tarte tatin, and a shot glass of ice cream soda with a puree of fresh cherries and sparkling Kava.

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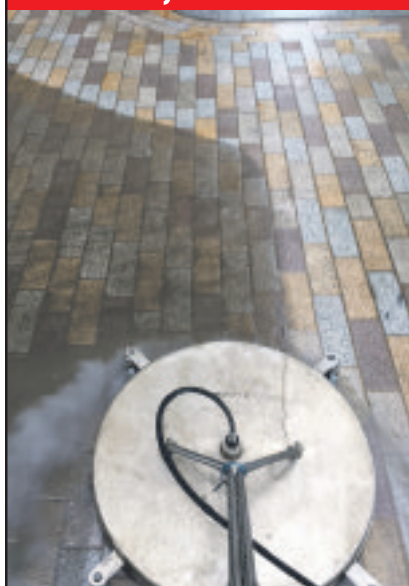
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HOTSEAT

It is the **best** job in the world when you're working and the **worst** job in the world when you're not

Rory Kinnear is back as put-upon writer Michael in BBC1 comedy *Count Arthur Strong*. He talks to **KEELEY BOLGER** about the new series, speeding down the Thames for Bond and the terrible things he has had to do in the name of acting

What's coming up for Michael?

THE series is primarily focused on Arthur and his scrapes, but this time Michael's relationship with Sinem has developed a bit more, it's a bit more serious.

Michael has another book on the go, but he seems to be stuck in this world that he can't believe he's in, but equally, doesn't really, at the heart of it, want to leave.

The humour in the show seems to divide people. Why might that be?

THE series could have been on at any time in the past 40 years. It's not bogged down in any way by modernity, even though we do broach subjects of the modern world.

It's character-led, it's situation-led and has characters that everyone sort of knows. It's not one group of people who love it either; it's kids, parents and grandparents.

One of the loveliest things about it is everyone can watch together. I think sometimes people are put off by Arthur, they just don't quite get him. But the more time you spend with him, the more you realise the skill of Steve Delaney's performance and the warmth that comes with him, as well as the fact he's essentially playing someone who is infuriating, mean-spirited, selfish, self-obsessed and will be cruel and neglectful.

Those things can put people off a character but there is a sense of heart.

Is it a good time to be an actor?

IT'S a good time to be an actor if you're working. It's the best job in the world when you're working and the worst job in the world when you're not.

Have you ever been tempted to move to America to work?

WELL, I did Penny Dreadful and I just did a show called *Guerrilla*, and another one *Quacks* about 19th century doctors, so quite often you find yourself working on telly with a hope of the work seeing an American market as well.

It would be a greater upheaval to



Rory alongside Steve Delaney who plays Count Arthur Strong

work over there so I have no plans at the moment. Just with the variety of work there is to do, I don't feel there is a need.

Do you have many periods of not working?

I'VE been lucky enough not to have that much, but it comes around. I'm well aware that I've been really lucky and you hope that luck doesn't run out, but it's pot luck really. There can be no work just like in any other industry.

You're also known for playing Bill Tanner in Bond. What can you tell us about the next film?

IT'S amazing that a franchise over 50 years old still has such interest and the rumour mill is still going on. I know probably less than most people, but it's the same family basically who are calling the shots on it, which means there is that sense of continuity and the loyalty it inspires in the people who work for it and the people who watch it.

Do you ever have moments filming Bond where you feel like pinching yourself?

EVERY time! I'd been doing a BBC 4 series called *The Curse Of Steptoe* about *Steptoe And Son* and we had to use the same extra that day, and she just had to wear three different outfits and to be in three different places.

We were shooting 11 pages a day. Then, about 11 days later, I started my first day on *Quantum Of Solace* and we were crossing the Barbican with about 350 extras on set and I thought, oh, this

is a new domain.

For the second scene, just before we went for 'take', I thought, everyone's going to see this. I hadn't thought of that and it made me get a bit fluffy for that take. So it's best not to think about these wider implications to what you're doing. It's like any other job; get your head down, remember what the character is and what they're meant to be doing.

You played a prime minister who has sex with a pig in the Channel 4 satire Black Mirror. What do you remember of that shoot?

IT'S always about the juxtaposition of an actor's life. The night before I met Marge the pig in a very peculiar lecture hall in Buckinghamshire, I had been reciting *Henry V* at the Proms at the Royal Albert Hall in black tie. The next morning I was there filming *Black Mirror* with my trousers around my ankles.

I do remember having to call 'cut' myself on that scene because it went on further and further, and I said, 'I'm not actually going any further!' It was the only day I saw the writer Charlie Brooker on set surprisingly.

■ *Count Arthur Strong* is on BBC1, Fridays, at 8.30pm.



Rory Kinnear, main, and with Naomie Harris and Ben Whishaw in the Bond film *Spectre*, above

FILM REVIEWS

With Damon Smith

ALSO OUT THIS WEEK

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID: THE LONG HAUL (U) ★★☆☆

Family matters matter in the fourth installment of the Diary Of A Wimpy Kid series, based on the hugely popular books by Jeff Kinney.

The cast of David Bowers' pedestrian road movie may have changed for this perky franchise reboot, but the reliance on bodily fluids of every viscosity and hue for easy laughs apparently never grows old.

For 91 minutes, we are trapped with a dysfunctional clan, which allows their young son to relieve himself in plastic bottles whilst sitting on the back seat of the car rather than pull over and avoid spillages, and the lad's humiliation.

A belly full of deep fried butter sticks from a county fair is projectile vomited at the screen and the titular tyke's decision to hide in a motel room shower proves horribly misguided when we are forced to listen to an unsuspecting guest making splashes in the toilet bowl on the other side of the shower curtain.

Director Bowers, helming his third picture in a row, makes heavy work of preposterous interludes such as the central character taking a dip in a hot tub full of cheesy snacks and emerging as a bright orange Oompa Loompa.

This unfortunate soul is 12-year-old Greg Heffley (Jason Drucker, inset), who receives an unwanted gift in a children's ball pit during a visit to a themed family restaurant with the rest of his clan.

Video footage of his ordeal goes viral.

Stung by his online infamy as Diaper Hands, Greg resolves to restore his tainted reputation by making a video with his online idol, Mac Digby (Joshua Hoover), who is due to attend a video gaming convention in Indiana.

Alas, Greg is already committed to a Heffley family road trip to his grandmother's 90th birthday celebrations.

"This is an unplugged road trip: no phones, no iPads, no internet," explains his mother Susan (Alicia Silverstone) as she collects mobile devices from Greg, her husband Frank (Tom Everett Scott), eldest son Rodrick (Charlie Wright) and youngest child Manny (Wyatt and Dylan Walters).

"The only connecting we're doing is with each other!" she trills.

Following their trusty SatNav, the Heffleys careen from one mishap to the next including a stomach-churning spin on a ride at a county fair and bruising exchanges with fellow traveller Mr Beardo (Chris Coppola) and his family.

As the title suggests, Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul is a slog and there are lags between half-hearted giggles.

Drucker brings likability to his perpetually unlucky lad, while Silverstone injects her well-intentioned yet naive mom with plentiful pep.

There's an aching predictability to the mawkish final destination of Bowers' script, co-written by author Kinney, that feels contrived and emotionally hollow.

Like the Heffleys, we're glad when the cross-country odyssey comes to a screeching end.



Javier Bardem as Captain Salazar in pursuit of Johnny Depp's Captain Jack Sparrow in the latest Pirates Of The Caribbean film

One last charge

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: SALAZAR'S REVENGE (12A) ★★☆☆

The third and fourth voyages of the Pirates Of The Caribbean saga, At World's End and On Stranger Tides, sprung leaks in their ramshackle screenplays and capsize under the weight of feverish expectation.

After a six-year hiatus for long overdue repairs, the blockbusting series sets sail with two new directors at the helm – Joachim Ronning and Espen Sandberg – and Johnny Depp swabbing the decks in his familiar guise as salty seadog Jack Sparrow.

Pirates Of The Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge is a marked improvement and anchors the outlandish action to solid performances from two charismatic young actors, Kaya Scodelario and Brenton Thwaites, with simmering on-screen chemistry.

Depp continues to ply his comic schtick with wide-eyed gusto and Spanish actor Javier Bardem, who collected an Oscar for his chilling turn in

No Country For Old Men, is a lip-smacking phantasmagorical villain from the watery underworld.

Action sequences are spectacular, including the hysterically overblown theft of a bank safe and a dizzying dance of death between Jack and a guillotine blade.

The fifth chapter has its pleasures but it's not all plain sailing.

The return of Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and another original character is misjudged, a central plot thread is disappointingly similar to another summer blockbuster, and the 129-minute running time feels excessive.

A superfluous cameo for Paul

McCartney as a fellow pirate also should have walked the gangplank.

Twelve-year-old Henry Turner (Lewis McGowan) stows away on the wreck of the Flying Dutchman in order to be reunited with his father Will (Bloom).

"This is my fate. You must let me go," pleads Will, who is condemned to serve as captain of the watery vessel for eternity... unless his son can track down the mythical Trident of Poseidon.

Nine years later, Will (now played by Brenton Thwaites) searches for the artefact's whereabouts on the island of St Martin in the Caribbean, where he meets plucky

astronomer Carina Smyth (Kaya Scodelario), who is labelled a witch because of her unerring love of science.

She possesses a diary penned by Galileo Galilei, which contains clues to the hiding place of the trident.

The duo join forces and unexpectedly cross paths with Jack Sparrow (Depp).

He is being pursued by spectral pirate Captain Armando Salazar (Bardem), who has escaped from the Devil's Triangle and intends to exact revenge, aided by Jack's old adversary, Captain Hector Barbossa (Geoffrey Rush).

A little Depp goes a long way in Pirates Of The Caribbean: Salazar's Revenge.

He makes merry with his treasure chest of physical pratfalls and garbled one-liners.

Ronning and Sandberg keep a firm hand on the rudder and navigate a largely entertaining course between eye-popping spectacle and family feuds.

Their film is advertised as the "final" adventure and it would be sensible to drop the mainsail here while the series is still buoyant.



Johnny Depp dons his pirate gear to play Jack Sparrow a fifth time

BOOKSHELF

HE HAS travelled the world, motorcycling around the globe with his good pal Ewan McGregor for the TV series Long Way Round and Long Way Down and doesn't know what career he would have followed had it not been for his love of two wheels.

But just over a year ago, TV presenter and adventurer Charley Boorman had a horrendous motorbike accident in Portugal. His left leg was so badly shattered – the bone was protruding from the skin – doctors thought he might lose it.

He also broke and dislocated his right ankle, broke his hand and ended up in a protective leg cage for three months.

When Ewan heard he had been hurt, 50-year-old Charley recalls: "He couldn't believe it. He said, 'Charley never crashes!'"

"He was away working when I had the crash but the minute he got back, he came over to see me and we hung out a bit. He was shocked at the severity of it."

Today, the genial, ever-optimistic Charley admits he still walks with a limp and sometimes takes painkillers – but he just makes himself get on with life and is already planning his next trip.

"I'm hobbling but I'm back on the bikes. I've been sneaking on to a moped since July, but wasn't really telling anybody. I couldn't help myself."

"With a moped I didn't need to change gear. But I've been properly back on the bike since January."

The London-born journeyman's convalescence has given him time to write Long Way Back, which charts his road to recovery, interspersed with memories of his childhood growing up in Ireland and Los Angeles – his father is famous film director John Boorman, whose films include Deliverance (in which Charley makes a fleeting appearance), Zardoz and Hope And Glory.

He'd had accidents and broken bones before, but the crash in Portugal was his worst yet. He was overtaking a car when it turned left, clipping him and sending him careering into a wall. He was conscious throughout but in excruciating pain.

A long road to recovery

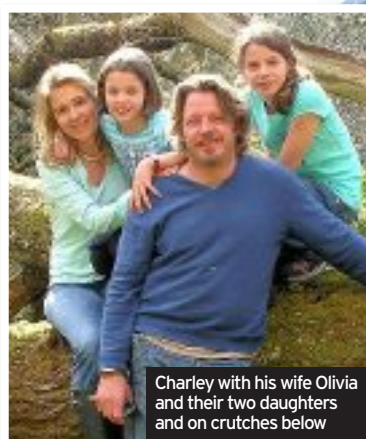
After a devastating accident in which he nearly lost a leg, TV's motorbike-mad journeyman Charley Boorman tells **HANNAH STEPHENSON** he's back in the saddle and planning more adventures

"The thing I remember most was flying through the air and seeing the pavement and wall coming towards me and thinking, 'This is going to hurt!'"

"After the initial impact, I remember tumbling really hard. It felt like my whole body had been jarred."

"I've crashed a lot in the past. I've broken my hand and collarbone but what made this one complicated was that I broke both legs, which is why I ended up lying in bed for three months. It was six months before I could walk on one leg."

His injuries initially required six hours of surgery and he had to wear a frame to protect his left leg for three months to allow the bone to knit properly. Even now, he's not sure if he'll need further



Charley with his wife Olivia and their two daughters and on crutches below

operations. As well as the frame around his left leg, he had to wear a large grey boot to stabilise his right ankle.

There were some dark times during his recovery, he admits.

"I'm lying in bed with a giant boot on my right leg and this giant cage on my left leg. I couldn't lie on my side and my left leg was so painful."

"There were times when I thought I might never walk again."

"When they started talking about losing the leg, I was left lying there on my own, which is when the creepy-crawly come into your head at night and you can't sleep."

"I'd flick the telly on. I'd often put movies on that I'd watched before, so I didn't have to concentrate but would distract my mind."

"There were moments when I was very low and there were dark days, but I never lost hope."

"All I could really think of was how long it was going to take me to get back on a bike."

His wife Olivia – they have been married for 27 years and have two daughters – has been a rock during his convalescence.

"Olly's a pragmatist, little fazes her."



Charley Boorman in an image from his new book, Long Way Back, inset below

When something goes wrong, emotions don't come into it," he writes. "She just focuses on what needs to be done."

That's probably just as well given the life she's had being married to me."

At the start of 2017, he got back on to a geared bike.

"It felt awesome. I'd been thinking about it for a while. I just went up and down the road at first and my wife filmed it."

Now, he's riding every day in London and says he finds it easier than walking.

"I'm not walking brilliantly. I'm walking unaided and doing a lot of work with this guy I used to do Pilates with in the Eighties."

"Now it's all about building up the muscle strength again." He admits he still has pain in both legs.

"There's a possibility I'm only going to get back to 80% of what I was," he admits.

"Running isn't going to be an option any more. I've got a limp."

But optimism is never far away.

"At the moment I'm starting to walk again properly and I'm now planning to do motorcycle tours in Africa again."

"In my mind, in the next few months I'll be back at 100%. Maybe my body isn't quite so springy as it was, but you've got to be positive."

■ Long Way Back by Charley Boorman is published by AA, £20.



Charley's leg in the protective cage after the horrendous crash



Charley with Ewan McGregor in 2004



STYLE GUIDE

Earn your stripes

Go graphic with this summer's shortcut to streamlined. **LISA HAYNES** shows you how to do linear style

IT'S the graphic trend that keeps on giving when it comes to limb lengthening. If you're not already sold on stripes, this is the season to add illusion-prompting lines to your fashion itinerary.

The SS17 catwalks practically turned into a barcode of stripyness, ranging from subtle PJ pinstripes to uber-bold panels.

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Finery Savona stripe dress £149, finerylondon.com

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If you're fully committed to the linear look, go bold with uber-wide vertical or horizontal stripes. There's no softly-softly approach with supersized stripes but, as a rule, keep one of the contrasting colours in a neutral, like black, navy, cream or white, to avoid overkill. Black and white is everyone's best friend but red and cream is this summer's hottest colour combo.

■ **STRIPE STYLE TIP:** Wear your silhouettes in extremes, such as wide-leg pants or a structured dress to give bold stripes a good canvas.

Topshop silk satin stripe trousers by Boutique £90, topshop.com

J by Jasper Conran at Debenhams stripe skirt £70, out end of May, debenhams.com

CLASH TACTICS

If one stripe isn't enough, do the double. This season stripes are pre-primed to clash whether it's different directions, mixed bands, or contrasting colours. Think of your body as a human barcode. Go clash crazy with one piece where the work has all been done for you, or try separates with different stripe directions for a double illusion.

■ **STRIPE STYLE TIP:** Bold, mixed prints are busy enough solo, so scale down your jewellery and accessorising to maximise your statement stripes.

V by Very crew neck contrast stripe jumper £10, very.co.uk

Simply Be Beach to Beach stripe jumpsuit £30, simplybe.co.uk

PYJAMA PARTY

They were once the kind of stripes you snoozed in, but pyjama stripes are enjoying a moment outside of the bedroom. If you're feeling brave (or sleepy), go for a full Lanvin-inspired two-piece stripeathon with matching top and trousers. For a more subtle approach, pull on a nightshirt-style tunic with jeans, so there's no mistaking your nightwear as daywear.

■ **STRIPE STYLE TIP:** PJ-style stripe pieces are best served in sheeny fabrics, like silk. Look for seamless underwear to avoid any show-through.

Oliver Bonas Absorb asymmetric stripe dress £69.50, oliverbonas.com

Jigsaw stripe tunic £119, available end of May, jigsaw-online.com

Whistles silk stripe tie front trouser £249, and matching stripe cami £159, whistles.com

Y.A.S Jola striped long shirt at Brand Attic £22, brandattic.com

BEAUTY COUNTER

FOR SKINCARE ADDICTS

■ **Clinique Anti-Wrinkle face cream SPF30, £18 (clinique.co.uk):** Trust skincare giant Clinique to come up with a sunscreen that simultaneously protects and preserves. Its new Anti-Wrinkle Face Cream SPF30 includes a blend of antioxidant and repair ingredients to help strengthen and rebuild your skin's moisture barrier as you bask in the sun.



HOT TIPS TO SAVE YOUR SKIN

Stay protected this summer with the latest sunscreens for all occasions. **LISA HAYNES** shows you how to up your SPF game



■ **Ultrasun Body Tan Activator SPF30, £28 (marksandspencer.com):** Boost your bronze with Ultrasun's new

Tan Activator range. You still get a high SPF hit but the natural tan enhancer (Bronzyl™) activates your production of melanin and accelerates the tanning process by about 40% in 10 days, so it takes less time to tan.

FOR SPEED DEMONS

■ **La Roche-Posay Anthelios Anti-Shine Invisible Fresh mist SPF50, £14 (Boots):** Go hands-free with La Roche-Posay's new anti-shine wonder. The super-fine, invisible mist gives you an even protection that's easily absorbed, so there's no need to rub in. Its patented molecule Airlicium leaves oil-prone skin shine-free so you can spritz over or under make-up.



SUNSCREEN shouldn't be just for heatwaves and holidays – over summer especially, you need to boost your sun protection factor (SPF) armoury.

Luckily, the beauty world is making creams easier to apply and way more niche for your individual skincare needs.

Yes, these sunscreens have broad-spectrum protection to guard the skin against UVA (ageing) and UVB (burning) rays, but the newest formulations are going that extra mile to make sun protection more bespoke.

Meet the innovative new sun potions you need to know about this summer...

FOR SENSITIVE BITS

■ **Tropic Skincare Sun Balm SPF50, £16 (tropicskincare.com):** Avoid lobster-red zones in awkward spots with Tropic Skincare's transportable Sun Balm. The high-protection balm comes in solid form, so you can smooth over tricky areas like the nose, ears and feet to be that bit more thorough.



FOR SPORTY TYPES

■ **Shiseido WetForce Sports BB cream SPF50, £32 (escentual.com):** Outdoor workouts have never looked so chic, thanks to Shiseido's sweat-proof tint. Enhance your sporty look with the high-protection BB cream that's light, dewy and won't rub off when you're putting in a Wimbledon-worthy performance on the court.

FOR BEACH BABES

■ **Vichy Ideal Soleil Anti-Sand SPF50, £18 (vichy.co.uk):** No need to camp around the pool if you're sand-averse with Vichy's clever lotion. The lightweight formulation is easily absorbed with an ultra-dry finish that allows sand to be brushed off easily, so you can make sandcastles to your heart's content.



■ **Piz Buin Instant Glow Skin Illuminating sun lotion SPF30, £8 (boots.com):** Sunscreen meets skin finishing with Piz Buin's glowy new

potion. Infused with light-reflecting particles, the non-greasy lotion instantly peeps up skin with an oh-so subtle shimmer, so your walk to the pool is worthy of a red-carpet saunter.

FOR SKIN ZEN

■ **Eau Thermale Avene Cleanance Solaire SPF50+, £16 (Boots):**

When sunscreen and skincare combine... Step forward Avene's forward-thinking lotion that actively fights blemishes. Cleanance Solaire contains an ingredient that inhibits the excess sebum common in acne-prone skin and protects existing blemishes from sun side effects.



FOR CITY SLICKERS

■ **Murad City Skin Age Defense Broad Spectrum SPF50, £45 (murad.co.uk):**

You don't have to be beach-bound to protect your face. Whether it's a city break or the daily grind, Murad's high-tech mineral sunscreen ticks off protection against pollution, infrared radiation and blue light, as well as UVA and UVB rays.



■ THE weather is definitely getting warmer and it will soon be time to bare arms and legs. If you suffer from rough, dry or bumpy skin (keratosis pilaris) then help is at hand. Ameliorate Transforming Body Lotion contains a naturally occurring lactic acid to encourage the skin's natural exfoliation process, stimulating the renewal of healthy skin cells. And now it comes in a fragrance-free version for sensitive skins, £22.50 at spacenk.com

■ IF THE new MAC limited edition collection doesn't give you the urge to swing on a hammock sipping a cocktail, then we give up. The Fruity Juicy collection is how our make-up SHOULD have looked in the Eighties. Pearlmatte Face Powder, £24.50; CremeSheen Glass, £18 each, maccosmetics.co.uk



■ SCHWARZKOPF has released a collection of five hair reviving products for every hair need, from blonde and brunette to texture, volume and an extra fresh one for really grubby days. Best of all they are just £2 each. Exclusively available at Primark now.



■ CHECK out the artist-inspired shades within Urban Decay's three Jean-Michel Basquiat palettes. Richly pigmented and long-lasting, each canvas-covered box is like a mini work of art. UD Jean-Michel Basquiat Tenant Eyeshadow Palette, £35, urbandecay.co.uk



CELEB SECRET

KIEHL'S is partnering with the MTV Staying Alive Foundation. For 2017, singer Leona Lewis, right, has been named ambassador and has created a limited-edition design of the brand's best-selling Creamy Eye Treatment with Avocado (14ml), £22.50, £10 from the sale of each goes to the foundation; available next month, kiehl.co.uk



FOOD & DRINK



INGREDIENTS

50g toor lentils (toor daal)
1 green chilli
1 small onion
1 tomato
2tbsp vegetable oil
1tsp black mustard seeds
200g baby spinach leaves
3tbsp frozen grated coconut, plus extra to garnish
Sea salt

GO FOR GREENS

GOAN SPINACH AND LENTILS (SERVES 4 AS A SHARING DISH)

METHOD

1. Bring a large covered saucepan of water to the boil.
2. Rinse the lentils in the sieve with cold running water, then add them to the boiling water. Return the water to the boil and leave the lentils uncovered for 20 minutes, or until they are tender, but still holding their shape.
3. Remove the stalk from the green chilli, if necessary, then slice the chilli lengthways. Peel, quarter and thinly slice the onion. Halve and slice the tomato.
4. Heat the vegetable oil over a medium-high heat in a glass. Add the mustard seeds and stir until they pop. Add the green chilli, onion and tomato with a

pinch of salt, and continue stirring until the onion is softened, but not coloured. Turn the heat down and leave, uncovered and stirring occasionally, until the lentils have finished cooking.

5. Rinse the spinach and shake off the excess water.
6. Drain the lentils, then stir them into a saute pan. Add the spinach and frozen coconut, season with salt and stir-fry until the spinach wilts.
7. Adjust the seasoning with salt, if necessary. Sprinkle with a little extra coconut just before serving – it will thaw in the residual heat.

Atul Kochhar is turning his attention from Michelin-starred meals to making curries in minutes. He tells **KATE WHITING** how his son inspires him to be more inventive

Curry in a hurry

ATUL KOCHHAR is reminiscing about the day he became the first Indian chef to be awarded the gold standard for culinary expertise – a Michelin star – while head chef at Tamarind in 2001.

"I remember as if it were yesterday... A journalist from the Evening Standard called and said, 'You have a Michelin star' and I said, 'No, no I don't have a Michelin star' and hung the phone up. Then he called back and said, 'No, I was trying to tell you that you've got a Michelin star, you've been awarded one' and I started shaking, I couldn't believe it."

To cap it all, that evening, Gordon Ramsay came to eat at the restaurant to celebrate achieving his third Michelin star: "He was eating my food to celebrate his third star with his wife and family. He came to the kitchen to congratulate everyone and he was so chatty. Obviously he was very happy for his third star, but he genuinely was very happy that we got the star as well."

Six years later, Atul, 47, was awarded a second Michelin star for his own restaurant, Benares.

Despite all the acclaim, however, he's now turning his attention to slightly more simple fare in his latest book, *30 Minute Curries*.

"Everybody expects me to write complicated books and I won't deny it, I have done that. I wrote the Benares cookbook and each recipe has got six recipes in it. But I'm also a father and when I cook at home, I'm not cooking Michelin-starred food, I'm



30 Minute Curries by Atul Kochhar is published in hardback by Absolute Press, priced £26

cooking everyday food.

"I've learned shortcuts to put food on the table really quickly – there's only so much time kids can hold out – so this book is to celebrate that. And also, [people say] Indian food takes forever, but it doesn't. Anybody can do it, so I'm sharing my techniques of how you can do it very quickly. Every recipe actually comes under 25 minutes."

His book is dedicated to his son ("my best friend"), 11-year-old Arjun, who inspires Atul to be inventive.

"Arjun has strong likes and

dislikes... One of his pet hates is broccoli, so I keep making it in different ways. Last weekend, I made chickpea burgers, so I put broccoli in there and told him if he can find it then he can get some Lego. He couldn't trace it.

"He believes that certain flavours work and certain ones don't, so for example, I think carrot and ginger works and he says, 'Little people don't like ginger, it's too stringy, too strong, there have to be better ways to

use it'. So, he said, 'Why don't you make a paste of ginger?' You get the flavour, but you don't get the texture. It was interesting to hear this little person talk about food."

Atul was born in Jamshedpur, India, and learned to cook from both his parents.

"We were a slightly unusual Indian family – boys are normally made to look like gods and they become couch potatoes, but not in my house. My mum said from day one, everybody lives in the house so everybody has to help. I paired up with my oldest sister, we always cooked together, and my other sister and younger brother were on cleaning duty. I hated it when I had to clean up, I still

hate it. So that taught me how to cook"

His favourite childhood food was a type of dumpling called Littis, which were stuffed with lentils and thrown in the hot ashes of a fire for a few hours: "You dust the ash away and then dip them in a nice potato curry. I absolutely loved it."

He's thrilled that Brits have long had a love affair with Indian food that is growing all the time: "I look at someone like Tom Kerridge, a quintessentially British chef, but he uses more coriander powder and cumin powder than I would ever use in my food. It's heart-warming, it's good to see that it's opening up. I love it."

Try out some of Atul's quick curries for yourself...



I KNOW I'm not fashionable. I only have to look in my wardrobe to know that. I don't listen to the latest tunes and I prefer to watch a Doris Day film rather than a superhero leaping from a building dressed as a spider.

The other week I was invited to a special tasting with winemaker Marie-Christine Osselin from Moët & Chandon. I love meeting people who are at the heart of wine making, it's a great chance to pick their brains.

But back to my fashion sense, or should I say awareness. We went through Moët's range of champagnes and then... what's this? A champagne to drink over ice? Sacre bleu!!

Yes indeed, Moët has created Moët Ice Impérial which is designed to drink over

RAISE A GLASS

WITH JANE CLARE



ice (£45 Clos19.com and Selfridges, 12% abv).

Some folks at the tasting said, oh yes, this is great, and a workpal tells me she's seen the champers while on holiday.

I'd never heard of the champagne on ice idea before and part of me was kind of, well, why would you spoil a champagne with ice? But it's fashion apparently. There you have it, I'm not fashionable.

Marie told our little gathering that the ice is even used as part of the blending process – this is when the winemaking team decides what proportions of each of the core champagne wines – pinot noir, pinot meunier and chardonnay – they will use to create the flavours and style of wine they want.

I tried the champers both on its own (no ice) and with ice, together with a slice of pink grapefruit. I wasn't a huge fan of the champagne "neat" but yes, with the grapefruit and ice it went up another level and was fruity and refreshing, but a tad sherberty. It is sweet, that's for sure. I can imagine it being a wow



under the Mediterranean sun.

Then, just days after my Moët experience, along came another wine in a similar vein. Freixenet ICE White (RRP £12.99, Tesco, Morrisons and Ocado, 11.5% abv) is also designed to be tasted with ice.

This blend of the traditional cava grapes macabeo, xarel-lo and parellada, together with chardonnay, has been aged in Freixenet's cellars for up to 14 months. I chunked some ice into a bowl of a glass and glugged in the cava.

Again, sweetness is king here and the fizz had aromas of honeysuckle, sweet peas and tropical fruit, with an underlying lift of vanilla and biscuit. Great for summer afternoons.

■ **ALSO in my glass...** This week I've moved from one chapter of my life to another. To mark it, I had a sip of more fizz.

Gremillet Rose d'Assemblage Brut, (£24.99, WineTrust100, 12% abv) is a champagne made from pinot noir (70%) and chardonnay (30%) and is a lush salmon pink colour with bubbles that are happy to greet you.

It has aromas of ripe strawberries and red berries and that oh-I-so-love aroma of vanilla and freshly-baked biscuits. To taste, it's a fizz whizz of red fruits and citrus with a good acidity.

■ **You can email me at** jane@onefootinthegrapes.co.uk



INGREDIENTS

600g boneless lamb rump or neck fillet, cut into bite-sized pieces
2.5cm piece of fresh ginger, finely chopped
6 green cardamom pods, crushed
3 garlic cloves, thinly sliced
1 1/2tbsp vegetable oil
4 cloves
3tbsp onion paste (see right)
1tbsp ground coriander
1tbsp red chilli powder, or to taste
1tbsp garam masala
1tbsp ground turmeric
1/4tbsp ground black pepper
250ml water, plus an extra 2tsp
Small pinch of saffron threads
2tbsp Greek-style yoghurt
Fresh coriander leaves
1/2 a lemon
Sea salt

METHOD

1. Heat vegetable oil over a medium-high heat in a large heavy-based, non-stick saucepan with a lid.
2. Add cardamom pods and seeds and cloves and stir until they crackle. Stir in ginger and garlic to flavour the oil, making sure the garlic doesn't over-brown.
3. Add the onion paste and continue stirring for 30



WARM & TENDER

LAMB WITH CARDAMOM AND YOGHURT (SERVES 4)

TO MAKE THE ONION PASTE

(Makes about 600g)
2tbsp vegetable oil
500g onions, chopped
100g (6tbsp) ginger-garlic paste (see step 3, below)
1tsp sea salt

METHOD

1. Heat the oil over a medium-high heat in a large frying pan, ideally non-stick. Add onions, ginger-garlic paste and salt, and stir frequently for 25 minutes, or until onions are browned. Watch carefully throughout – if the mixture burns, you'll have to start again.
2. Blitz the mixture in a food processor to a fine paste. Leave to cool completely.
3. To make the garlic paste, blitz two 75g garlic heads, separated into cloves and peeled, 150g (peeled weight) coarsely chopped fresh ginger, and 2tbsp water in a food processor until a paste forms.
Both onion paste and garlic paste can be covered and refrigerated for up to four weeks, or frozen for up to three months.

salt and bring to the boil, stirring.
6. Reduce the heat, cover the pan and leave the lamb to simmer for 10 minutes, or until it is tender. Top up the liquid, if necessary.
7. Meanwhile, mix the yoghurt and remaining two teaspoons of water together. Rinse and finely chop enough coriander leaves to make about two tablespoons. Squeeze two teaspoons of lemon juice.
8. When the lamb is tender, stir the yoghurt mixture into the pan. Add lemon juice and season with salt, if necessary, then stir in the chopped coriander to serve.

INGREDIENTS

500g raw peeled tiger prawns
3 green cardamom pods
Fresh coriander leaves
1tbsp ghee or vegetable oil
2 cloves
1 dried bay leaf
1 cinnamon stick
1tbsp onion paste (see left)
1/2tsp red chilli powder, or to taste
1/4tsp ground turmeric
250ml coconut milk
Sea salt

METHOD

1. Remove and discard the prawn tails, if necessary. Lightly crush the cardamom pods to loosen the seeds. Rinse and chop enough coriander leaves to make about one tablespoon.
2. Melt the ghee over a medium-high heat in a large frying pan with a lid. Add cardamom pods and seeds, cloves, bay leaf and cinnamon stick, and stir until the spices crackle. Add onion paste and stir it into the oil for 30 seconds. Add chilli powder and turmeric and stir for 30 seconds to cook. Watch they do not burn.
3. Reduce the heat to medium and add the prawns and coconut milk. Season with salt and continue stirring for 30 seconds, or until the prawns turn pink on both sides. Do not overcook.
4. Adjust the seasoning with salt, if necessary, and stir in the chopped coriander just before serving.

TROPICAL TWIST

PRAWN AND COCONUT CURRY (SERVES 4)



3. Reduce the heat to medium and add the prawns and coconut milk. Season with salt and continue stirring for 30 seconds, or until the prawns turn pink on both sides. Do not overcook.
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THE LIFE OF LUXURY

KATE FIELDER TAKES A WEEKEND BREAK IN ROME TO SAMPLE LA DOLCE VITA



A beautiful view of St. Peter's cathedral in Rome at sunset

NEED TO KNOW

■ **KATE FIELDER** stayed at The Rome Cavalieri Waldorf Astoria Hotel & Resorts on Monte Mario, where a double deluxe room residential view starts from £265 (fully flexible and room only). A Double Imperial room, residential view, starts from £475 (fully flexible and room only). For reservations romecavalieri.com

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CITY breaks are something I've grown to appreciate in my more grown-up years. I want the hustle and bustle of a vibrant city, the energy, the vibe, but I also want a sophisticated hotel, a peaceful haven to recover after a jam-packed day sightseeing, and wandering the streets, from one tourist hotspot to the next.

I found myself travelling to Rome in early spring. It made perfect sense for a short weekend break because while it's an incredibly easy destination to get to, with regular direct flights from regional airports, and it's a destination so far removed from my home city that there is a level of adventure unmatched in my other city break travels.

Ticking all the boxes in my quest for a peaceful haven not far from a vibrant city was The Rome Cavalieri

Waldorf Astoria Hotel & Resorts. Nestled on the highest hill in Rome, the magnificent Monte Mario, the Rome Cavalieri overlooks the stunning Eternal City, and due to its more unusual location – unlike most of Rome central hotels – space is plentiful.

Arriving there, you soon realise this is so much more than a hotel.

It's home to more than 1,000 pieces of artwork, French period furniture, gigantic tapestries and elegant paintings.

The Rome Cavalieri is a sought-after property, one of the top hotels in the city, frequented by Hollywood greats, sporting heroes and political leaders, and it's not difficult to see why.

With decadent bedrooms and luxury suites, including a most impressive penthouse apartment, all manner of guests can retreat to their

own luxurious haven. Every room has a balcony, so the trip becomes more special, when you awake to the view of Rome. Another option is staying in an Imperial Room – VIP service is offered with these rooms, located on the Imperial floors of the hotel.

With private check-in and out, access to the Imperial Lounge is also included, meaning drinks and snacks are available all day long, at no extra charge.

Rome's only three Michelin-starred restaurant La Pergola is situated on the roof terrace of the Rome Cavalieri. Such a lavish restaurant with the all important views, and food consistently made to the highest standard to keep its coveted Michelin stars. However, even if staying at the hotel, booking is essential, and usually quite far in advance.

A more accessible in-house all day dining option is L'uliveto Restaurant, which serves a superb buffet breakfast, with lots of choice and worldwide influence.

Dinner is a classy affair in the L'uliveto Restaurant, fresh local ingredients with an elegant twist and sophisticated presentation and a sommelier on hand to expertly guide guests through the wine list. When weather permits, the seating area on the main terrace, with that all-important view, makes the perfect setting, without the Michelin price.

But nobody goes to Rome to stay in hotel grounds, no matter how amazing they are. People flock here to spend time in a city that doubles up as a living and breathing museum, witnessing some of the greatest artworks in history, like the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, or visiting many of the most beautiful sights in the world, while casually wandering the streets.

Peeling myself away from my lush surroundings, I jumped on the hotel's complimentary shuttle bus into the city ready for a pre-booked 3.5 hour tour of the magnificent Vatican City and the amazing art it holds.

The show stopper was a visit to the magnificent Sistine Chapel – home to some of the most famous

works of Michelangelo and much more.

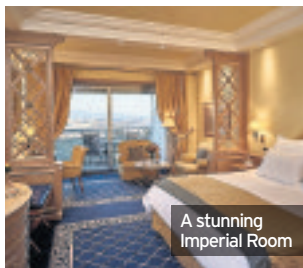
The sheer size, detail and magnitude of the paintings can be overwhelming. But my personal favourite part of the Vatican City was the Gallery of the Maps, a huge room decorated with 40 maps of ancient Italian regions all painted between 1580 and 1585, by the famous geographer of the time, Ignazio Danti.

And after our tour, following our guide with hundreds of other tours going on, it was time to head to the city and meet our friendly shuttle bus driver and wearily head back to The Rome Cavalieri and toast the end of my stay with an ice-cold prosecco on the balcony overlooking the city.

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PUZZLE TIME

Pathfinder

Beginning with the top highlighted letter, follow a continuous path of words associated with the given subject. The trail goes through each letter once, twisting up, down and sideways, but never diagonally.

Desserts

B E L A N O E E C K V L O V A
A W L B T F F P I P A U R C A
K E T A R S I I D T T M B E P
M A R A M T R E D E O E L L P
I S I S P U H C S S P J C M A
K U T G N D M E S D M A N G N
N K E R I D N O T O U L A E C
I C O B R G R Y E H G B C O H
K A C K E L O E I N U T O B R
E C T R A C B S P E R E L E O
T R O R U M U Y L U I M A T W
A E T A S M B A L G N N O I N
C L E R T E R N B E R E M E A
V A A B I D P E A B G L C I R
A L K G N D U T T L L O R T C

Split Decision

Cross out one of the two letters in each divided square to reveal a completed crossword grid.

R	L	A	T	E	P
O	K	A	I	O	A
W	U	T	R	D	S
D	X	L	P	N	M
S	N	E	E	F	W

Sudoku

There is one simple rule in Sudoku. Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

Easy

4		3	6				2	
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	6			8	7			9
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2	3					9	4	
			9	4	1	3		
	1	4			6			8

Hard

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4				9				
7	6							3
				3	9		6	
		8				5		
	1		2	5				
5							1	2
				4				9
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Two Speed Crossword

This two-speed crossword has two sets of clues, but just one grid. If you can't solve the Cryptic clue, try the Quick.

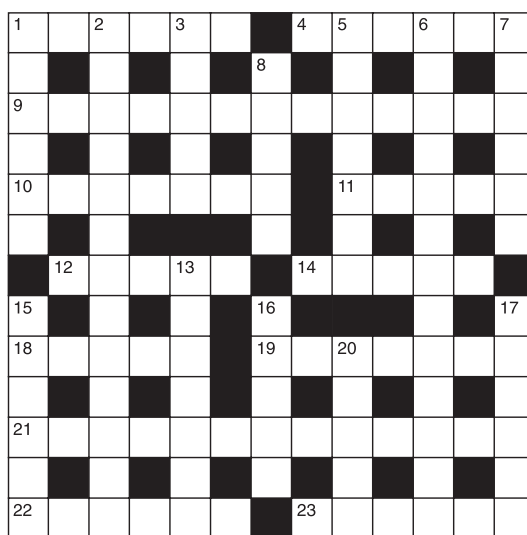
Cryptic

Across

- Harmony current with 100 or 500 (6)
- The cobbler is working finally (2,4)
- Incidental to growth in the darkroom (13)
- Blow up general (7)
- Made a proposal full of emotion (5)
- Cat in caper (5)
- Many are beaten, but it was a near thing (5)
- Number one has points - it's sound (5)
- Shyness apparently makes one wait again (7)
- Possibly a shocking, boring tool to use? (8,5)
- It offers interest by instalments (6)
- The entire property taken in the form of complete groups (6)

Down

- He was warned to be different (6)
- Presumably one can put a polite construction on his design (5,8)
- Is his government on straight lines? (5)
- Warm bit of weather Malta has (7)
- Actual engagement marked by no passive liturgy (6,7)
- Guided also round Spanish town (6)
- Hurry: Veronica isn't well (5)
- In it are possibly no movements (7)
- If not the United Nations won't get so much (6)
- Drill a body of attendants (5)
- The parcel lost contains musical instruments (6)
- They cannot be taken with impartiality (5)



Scribble pad

Quick

Across

- Agreement (6)
- Finally (2,4)
- Relating to growth (13)
- Expand (7)
- Shifted (5)
- Absurd act (5)
- Shut (5)
- Sound (5)
- Withhold (7)
- Power tool (8,5)
- Published in parts (6)
- Valuable property (6)

Down

- Son of Elizabeth II (6)
- Public works supervisor (5,8)
- Monarch (5)
- Generating heat (7)
- Operational military duty (6,7)
- Spanish city (6)
- Velocity (5)
- Inactivity (7)
- Except that (6)
- Teach (5)
- Instruments (6)
- Flanks (5)

Codeword

This puzzle has no clues. Instead, every number printed in the grid represents a letter, with the same number always representing the same letter. For example, if 8 turns out to be a V, you can write in V wherever a square contains 8. Using your knowledge of words, complete the puzzle.

25	24	7	22		25			2	13	1	2
	17			15	11	2	10	4		1	9
24	3	26	7	11		14		2	21	24	2
	24			4		17		11		12	7
	15	17	6	14	17	1	3	23		12	1
25				8		11				9	17
7	21	15	C	1	5	7		2	14	14	7
11		17	O			17		11			4
8	24	3		24	3	25	7	24	20	19	5
24		23		23		7		5			22
15	19	24	6	7		11		5	2	9	2
2		20		5	24	9	16	4		11	
9	2	3	23			4			18	1	6

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	C		O									

Wordsquare

Give yourself ten minutes to find as many words as possible using the letters in the grid. Each word must use the central letter and at least 3 others, and letters may be used only once. You cannot use plurals, foreign words or proper nouns, but verb forms ending in 's' are permitted. There is one 9-letter word to be found.

T	C	I
M	Y	E
H	S	R

How you rate:

10 words - average; 15 words - good; 20 words - very good; 25 or more - excellent.

Quiz

- Which recent Channel 4 documentary featured David Baddiel and his brother, and their experiences looking after their father Colin who is a dementia sufferer?
- What do the initials CID stand for?
- During which war was the Battle of the Bulge fought?
- Which US city is home to Coney Island?
- Which Irish novelist wrote Dracula?



Q1 - David Baddiel

- What was the surname of the French brothers who invented the hot-air balloon?
- Does Antarctica surround the North Pole or the South Pole?
- Which political party has been led by Disraeli, Churchill and Macmillan?
- What sort of creature is an adder?
- At what sort of Spanish spectator sport would one find matadors and picadors?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

Pathfinder

Man in the Mirror, Smooth Criminal, Got to Be There, Thriller, Heal the World, Remember the Time, Rockin' Robin, Liberian Girl, Beat It, The Way You Make Me Feel, Billie Jean, You Are Not Alone, Dirty Diana, Leave Me Alone, Earth Song, Rock with You, Give Into Me, Black or White, You Rock My World.

Two-Speed Crossword

Across: 4 Effects; 8 Trowel; 9 Grating; 10 Middle; 11 Tender; 12 Lead mine; 18 Talisman; 20 Switch; 21 Charge; 22 Overtax; 23 Crisis; 24 Closure. Down: 1 Stumble; 2 Woodman; 3 Bedlam; 5 Foretell; 6 Extent; 7 Tanned; 13 In the air; 14 Impress; 15 Intense; 16 Swivel; 17 Stores; 19 Inhere.

Wordsquare

LEGALISED

Quiz

- Certain Women; 2. Syria; 3. Giacomo Puccini; 4. Bjorn Borg; 5. Sherwood Forest; 6. Icarus; 7. Sherry; 8. Billy Bunter; 9. Uruguay; 10. Lords.

Sudoku

6	3	2	5	9	4	8	7	1
5	4	1	6	8	7	9	3	2
9	7	8	1	3	2	5	4	6
2	1	6	3	5	8	4	9	7
4	5	7	9	2	1	3	6	8
3	8	9	4	7	6	1	2	5
1	2	3	7	4	5	6	8	9
8	6	4	2	1	9	7	5	3
7	9	5	8	6	3	2	1	4

2	3	5	7	6	8	4	9	1
6	1	4	2	9	5	3	8	7
9	8	7	4	3	1	5	2	6
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7	5	9	8	1	4	6	3	2
4	7	6	9	5	3	2	1	8
8	9	3	1	4	2	7	6	5
5	2	1	6	8	7	9	4	3

Split Decision

C	O	C	O	A
O		H		M
S	N	A	K	E
T		S		N
S	P	E	E	D

Codeword

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
N	U	M	Q	S	W	K	P	V	R	T	D	X
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
I	G	L	O	E	A	C	J	B	F	Z	H	Y

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Luxurious home of
Kardashians reality
show is on the market

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AN AFFORDABLE HARLOW HOME

Look inside this fabulous
family home with spacious
garden on PAGE 46-47



HOT HOUSE



HARLOW HOME PERFECT FOR A YOUNG FAMILY LESS THAN £300K

A three bedroom home in Harlow might provide just the right fit for a family looking to buy. Apple Tree Homes is advertising a spacious and well-designed property in Church Leys for less than £300,000 as its pick of the week.

With large rooms and a spacious back garden a family would have more than enough room to manoeuvre, which could suit parents with young children.

A super-sized kitchen/family room boasts an instant sink – which produces boiling water in seconds – with mixer taps, drainer gas hob, double oven and a large storage cupboard.

At the other end an open seating area gives the owner the opportunity to relax in space in front of a film or a good book.

Upstairs, carpet covers the landing and leads into the first bedroom. Bedroom one, the largest, measures 4.16m by 4.05m and has a walk-in wardrobe.

The second bedroom is perfect for children with wooden flooring and long dimensions at 4.13m by 2.43m. Bedroom



three is the smallest at 2.91m by 2.54m but does have a walk-in wardrobe.

There is a luxurious bathroom with a separate toilet. Meanwhile the wooden-decked garden area is a good sun spot and perfect for a summer barbecue.

With an asking price of £299,995 this is a great value home you would love to show off.

Contact Apple Tree Homes on (01279) 949032 or visit their shop front at St James Centre Edinburgh Way, Harlow.





SELLING POINTS

Number of bedrooms... 3

Garden... Spacious back garden

USP... With large rooms a family would have more than enough room to manoeuvre, which could suit parents with young children

Price... £299,995

Agent... Apple Tree Homes on 01279 949032



IDEAL FLAT FOR FIRST-TIMERS OR DOWNSIZERS

Situated in Mitre Gardens, a well-located development in the market town, this two-bedroom apartment on the ground floor is perfectly suited for both first-time buyers and investors.

The property benefits from crisp and attractive decoration throughout, including oak flooring. The newly-fitted kitchen is superbly equipped

with washing machine, integrated dishwasher, and a stainless steel fan oven with four gas hobs. Likewise, the bathroom is newly-fitted with bath tub, shower, towel rail and wall-mounted vanity unit with triple mirrored doors.

There are two double bedrooms, including a master with fully fitted wardrobes.

The property is equipped with gas central heating throughout and moving outdoors, there is an allocated parking with ample spaces for visitors and

communal gardens set in beautiful, green surroundings.

The location is within easy walking distance of the town centre's high-quality retail outlets, mainline train station and the Rhodes Arts Centre. It also lies close to The Bishop's Stortford High School, rated outstanding by Ofsted, and the good-rated Thorley Hill Primary School.

Contact Fox Sales and Lettings, 23 Hockerill Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 2DH or phone 01279 659477





HOME STYLE

With Lesley Taylor

Sunny days are on their way - get your home ready without spending a fortune

Every season I await the upcoming trends with a childlike sense of excitement, an interior designer, I love lusting over the latest colour palettes. This summer is no exception. There are some fabulous looks heading our way which I cannot wait to sink my teeth into.

But for the homeowner, finding the time - not to mention the money - to keep up with seasonal changes can be a challenge.

So, as summer fast approaches, I have picked the hottest trends - for both the house and garden - and explain how you can get the look in your home quickly and on a budget.

INTRODUCE A TOUCH OF THE TROPICS

Tropical greens, leaves and lush jungle patterns are going to be in all summer long - but you needn't invest in expensive fabrics or commit to a time-consuming re-papering of a wall. Simply purchase some canvas prints and place them against the backdrop of a pale wall.

If you are feeling crafty you could even make your own. Simply tack together wood to make a frame, buy a small square of your favourite tropical print, staple the fabric in place over the frame and voila!

Team your prints with a few savvy purchases from your local charity shop of green, blown-glass ornaments. Place these on a sideboard, shelf or half table that sits underneath the art for an effective focal point.

FRESHEN UP YOUR FEATURE WALL

Exposed brickwork... is there a more intimidating job in the world of DIY? The dust, the elbow grease and the need to chemically treat the wall to remove tough mortar... seriously, it's a lot of work.

Thankfully, you can now invest in wall tiles with a faux brickwork pattern that look amazing on walls. And while there will be some initial outlay for the tiles, they are super easy to maintain so you can be sure they will look great for years to come.

GO GEOMETRIC WITH SIMPLE ACCESSORIES

The geometric trend can demand complex paint jobs, the laying of intricate monochrome flooring or the purchasing of expensive art deco inspired furniture.

LOOKING HOT FOR SUMMER



Wall tiles cut the mess out of exposed brickwork. Check out the easy-to-install Urban Brick collection from The Baked Tile Company (bakedtiles.co.uk)

Yet this trend can be just as effective when worked through accessories, such as rugs, cushions or lampshades. All you need to bear in mind is that these accessories need a room with a neutral colour palette to work well.

GO RETRO WITH YOUR PATIO FURNITURE

This season is all about retro outdoor furniture - think natural materials, woven styles and crochet techniques;



Rattan furniture sets the seasonal tone



Saving sunshine for lighter nights

Angling for a new look? Go for Geometric accessories like these vases and side tables, Taylors Etc showroom (taylorsetc.co.uk)



LESLEY'S TIPS FOR SUMMER STYLING

1. Pick and choose your jobs wisely; don't take on too many at once
2. If you love spending the summer outside, focus on exterior jobs
3. Don't adopt trends just because they are in vogue - go with your gut
4. Unsure if a look will work in your home? Start small or seek advice from an interior designer
5. Team high end products with charity shop finds for an eclectic look

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with that in mind, hot foot it down to your local second-hand furniture shop before everyone else snaps up the totally on-vogue 1970s rattan and wicker pieces.

CREATE AMBIENT EVENING LIGHTING

This summer is going to throw the spotlight on fun, funky lighting - and there can be few as on-trend as glass jars filled with solar lights hanging from trees, or looped over a rope that runs the length of your garden.

Other ideas include introducing interest with colour changing LEDs for your funky outdoor furniture, safely-placed bamboo torch candles to highlight your pathways and uplighters to illuminate any key plants or patio areas.

WHITEWASH IT ALL

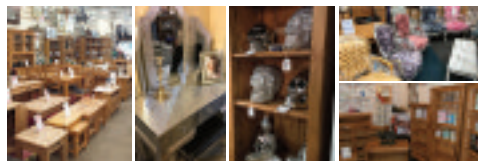
The Scandinavian look continues to influence and in the great outdoors there's going to be a real whitewash - decking, walls, fabrics, gates and fences. And the best bit? This trend is all about a rustic, relaxed look, so doing a very rough job, missing bits and working quickly through your painting is essential - hurrah for the Scandinavians!

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YOUR HOME

If you want to improve people's first impression of your home, giving the front a makeover is a must, whether you're selling or staying put

This time of year is ideal for brightening up your front garden with window boxes, hanging baskets and tubs planted with colourful bedding plants.

If you have leftover decking boards, you could make troughs and planters out of them.

A front garden can add considerable value to your home if it's made into off-street parking, especially in expensive urban areas.

Planning permission is sometimes required for this (and to have a dropped kerb) and there may be planning restrictions on things like its size and the materials used – gravel or permeable paving, for example (see planningportal.co.uk/info/200130/common-projects/45/paving-your-front-garden).

"Permeable paving is becoming more popular, but traditional products are still commonly used due to cost," says Martyn Fowkes from builder's merchant Travis Perkins.

"Managing water drainage is a necessity and using permeable block paving helps, while alternative products that incorporate additional linear drainage and soakaways are very popular."

Tatty woodwork at the front of your home looks awful, so spruce up wooden windows and doors with exterior wood filler and paint – Ronseal High Performance Wood Filler is excellent, especially for rotten wood.

You can also, of course, paint metal windows and even UPVC ones.

Changing the windows can make a massive difference to the frontage,



Off-street parking can add value to your home



A well-maintained garden is essential to making a good impression

but it's not cheap. And be careful not to decrease the value of your home – replacing original wooden sash windows with casement UPVC windows will devalue a property in some areas, for example.

One of the easiest ways to update the look of your front door is to change the door furniture – chrome or brushed stainless steel is more fashionable than brass and gives a smart, contemporary look suited to

both period and modern doors.

Get metal door numbers to match, or consider frosted-film numbers if you have a glazed or partially-glazed door or porch. They can be fiddly to fit, but look great.

Painting the front door a different colour can also make a big difference.

Ideally, the colour should go with the building's brickwork, paintwork or other exterior finish, and suit its age and style of architecture. While some classic colours are always popular for front doors, including red, black and dark blue, there are more fashionable ones – greys and duck-egg blues and greens have become popular in recent years.

If there's a colour you like but you can't find it in an exterior wood paint, try the Valspar paint-mixing desk at your local B&Q. There are about 2,000 Valspar colours to choose from, or you can have an item you love scanned in store and a paint created to match (see valsparpaint.co.uk).

PRODUCTS OF THE WEEK

Warm your towels – and the room – with the smart Flomasta Flat Chrome-Plated 1200 x 600mm 1307btu Towel Rail (£89.99, Screwfix).

This classic chrome towel warmer is good quality, great value and would suit any bathroom or shower room.

If you're on a tight budget, Screwfix has a similar but cheaper model – the Flomasta Flat Chrome 1200 x 600mm 419W 1430btu Towel Radiator, which, at £49.99, is a real steal.

Then add a touch of glamour to the room with the Spa Octans 5-Light Bathroom Ceiling Light (£85.49, Screwfix).

A striking design in chrome and glass, it gives off lots of light (thanks to five G9 bulbs) for a relatively compact fitting and can be used in bathroom zone 2 and outside zones.

It can even be fitted in bathroom zone 1, but only in homes with the specified standard of wiring – ask an electrician if in doubt.

Perfect for period-style bathrooms, this ceiling light exudes elegance.



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SASSOON'S SECRET PARTY PAD

The story behind this historic country house is so riddled with intrigue, famous names, partying and secret trysts that most reality TV shows would have a hard job making it up.

The French House, which is a seven-bedroom 15th century oak-beamed mansion, was bought as part of the Port Lympne estate in Kent by MP Sir Phillip Sassoon during the 1920s. And that's when the fun started.

Sassoon has gone down in history as the politician brother of First World War poet Siegfried Sassoon. But he had well-known friends in very powerful places including Charlie Chaplin, Lawrence of Arabia, Winston Churchill, the Duke of Windsor and Wallis



The Duke of Windsor and Wallis Simpson



Simpson. And he loved to party hard.

Sassoon came from a rich family and was educated at Eton and later Oxford University. His first proper job straight out of college was in the army working as secretary to Field Marshal Haig during the First World War.

Sassoon was also openly gay, and lived for much of the time at Port Lympne, where he installed his partner Bob Boothby in one of its properties - The French House.

The home was where Sassoon would hold his famously wild parties and agent Jackson-stop & Staff (01227 781600) says it is believed that it was refurbished and extended by Sassoon in a way that would enable them to carry on their then illegal relationship.

The French House is once again in need of some fixing up. It's for sale at £995,000 and sits in a spectacular secluded position next to a wildlife reserve and offers amazing views of Hythe Bay.

Palazzo Dei Sogni
Photo credit: Steven J. Wagner



KEEP UP WITH KIM AND KO.

If you're fan of Keeping Up with the Kardashians and their spray-tanned exploits then you'll be familiar with Palazzo Dei Sogni.

It's served as the fictitious home of the reality TV show family for 10 seasons, most often being used as the façade and gardens of their altered world.

The property was built in 1983 and was modelled on a historic Italian Medici-era castle in Florence.

It's within the Fryman Estate community in the Los Angeles suburb of Studio City in the Hollywood Hills and has real-life

celebrities living next door including George Clooney, Miley Cyrus and Bruno Mars.

Palazzo Dei Sogni, which fittingly translates as 'palace of dreams' in Italian, has seven bedrooms, eight bathrooms, an acre of grounds and has featured in other US TV shows including True Blood, Entourage and Rome.

The property groans with expensive fixtures and fittings including ornate woodwork, Venetian plastered walls and ceilings and murals by artist Giorgio Tuscani.

As much beloved by wealthy

Americans, there are 17th-century chandeliers in almost every room, wall-mounted candle holders imported from an Opera House in Paris and an antique stone fountain at the front.

Public areas of the mansion include a two-story foyer, formal living and dining, man cave, a movie theatre room with a 12ft screen, a billiards room, and a 2,000-bottle wine cellar.

The property is for sale at \$8.895m with agent Robert E. Howell of Keller Williams Beverly Hills. More information from TopTenRealEstateDeals.com

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From left: Kim, Kourtney and Khloe Kardashian

Since she won a swimming silver medal during the 1980 Olympics at just 17 years old, Sharron Davies has been one of the UK's most high profile athletes. She now works as a BBC TV presenter, charity advocate, model, public speaker and occasionally does celebrity shows including an unsuccessful 2010 bid to win Dancing on Ice. But Sharron is also famous for investing prudently in property and has owned a string, mainly in the South-west of England.

In 2012 that included a £1.1m Grade II mansion she bought in the pretty village of Bradford-upon-Avon in Somerset. She



Sharron Davies

A HOLIDAY HOME TO DIVE INTO



also once owned properties in Stow on the Wold and a holiday home in Helston near St Ives plus her mum still lives in her home town, Plymouth.

Her holiday home, which she sold in 2014, is now on the market again. You can see why Sharron says she misses the

property. The Linney is a pretty, three-bedroom cottage within a large barn conversion in Crowtown, a picturesque rural village to the north west of Helston in Cornwall.

It's now for sale through local agent PDQ Properties (01326 561561) for £415,000.



The Rolling Stones in 1964



STONES ROLLED UP HERE IN 1964

Many people have brief brushes with fame - be it a snatched hand hold at a crowded gig or a stilted chat in an airport check-in queue. Some properties enjoy them too, including this contemporary-looking five-bedroom modern property in the Cotswolds.

Pasaderas, which is set in 1.6 acres of land in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, used to belong to local businessman Kerry Hamer who was a good friend of Brian Jones, the founder and

original lead singer of The Rolling Stones.

This led to the band staying at the property in February and September 1964 when they played sell-out gigs in nearby Cheltenham at its Odeon Theatre.

Brian, who was brought up in Cheltenham, was ousted as the group's main songwriter by Mick Jagger and Keith

Richards. He left The Rolling Stones in June 1969 and was replaced by guitarist Mick Taylor.

Brian died less than a month later - and only five years after the Cheltenham gig - when he was found drowned in the swimming pool of his Sussex mansion.

Pasaderas, which is in the village of Little Witcombe, is for sale with Humberts (01285 650955) for £1.1m.

WHERE THOMAS PENNED UNDER MILK WOOD...

This picturesque house looks like the kind of smart rural hideaway we'd all like to live in.

But back in the late 1940s it was the shabby home of legendary Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, and where it is said he wrote much of his famous radio play, Under Milk Wood.

After working in London during the war writing propaganda films, the young Thomas moved to Oxford to earn a more steady income working for Margaret Taylor, the wife of historian AJP Taylor, and moved into the summer house of her Oxford family home.



The Manor House

But Thomas's heavy drinking and Margaret's evident ardour for the poet led AJP Taylor to insist Thomas move out. A home was arranged for him in the village of South Leigh, nine miles outside Oxford.

Dylan's grand-daughter Hannah Ellis has subsequently said she believes it is here that Thomas gained much of the inspiration for Under Milk Wood.

This is in part because he had fewer distractions. The property had no electricity and was in poor shape so Thomas, later along with his wife and children, settled down there for two years and drew on his rural surroundings for material.

Their temporary home, The Manor House, is currently for sale. It dates to the late 17th century and has four bedrooms plus a two-bedroom guest cottage. A small bothy within the garden is where Thomas would write, according to agent Knight Frank (01865 790077). Guide price £1.8m.

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YOUR GARDEN

With Diarmuid Gavin

Add a hint of romance to the summer with sprays of these tantalising wispy white stems

Driving around Britain recently, there was plenty of flora to admire in the countryside – the hedgerows were heavy with May tree blossoms and I caught tantalising glimpses of woodlands carpeted with bluebells.

I've not been involved in the Chelsea Flower Show this year but I was reminded of it when I observed the roadside verges full of cow parsley which has long been a favourite of show garden designers at this time of year.

This wild plant has delightful ferny foliage and is topped with sprays of white flowers.

Look more closely and you will see the flowers are at the end of tiny stems splayed like an umbrella.

This tells you it's an umbellifer and its relatives in the plant world include carrots, parsley, parsnips, angelica and celery.

It's a useful plant because it belongs to a group of herbaceous plants that are best described as "floaty" – they drift delicately through the border, their wispy white flowers appearing as if to float magically in the air.



Moo-tiful: Cow parsley

Recently I wrote about store cupboard perennials – the hardy foot soldiers such as geranium and alchemilla, who are as tough as old boots, work hard and never let you down.

The floaty plants are more like chiffon and organza, their fragility

adding an ethereal touch to the garden.

There are other umbellifers that provide a light elegance. Also flowering in May is *Orlaya grandiflora*, the white lace flower, a very pretty hardy annual which will keep flowering through the summer.

Direct sow in spring, or this autumn for earlier flowering next year. Or you can direct sow Bishop's weed, *Ammi majus*, into the ground now and have lovely lacey white flowers later in the summer.

For a touch of pink frothiness, try *Chaerophyllum 'Roseum'*, hairy chervil, which has lovely umbels of pale pink flowers.

It's perennial but with umbellifers you don't lift and divide to propagate.

Like their carrot cousins, they have a tap root which can't be split apart.

They're not fond of being moved anyway so your best bet is to collect seed in autumn and sow while fresh.

Much later in the summer and into early autumn you can have *Selinum wallichianum*, the milk parsley which has lots of lacy white flowers atop



Cow parsley lines country lanes like cotton wool

sturdy green stems. It's great for providing late summer nectar for bees and butterflies – in fact, all umbels are great for attracting beneficial wildlife such as hoverflies.

But it's not just umbellifers that do this job. Other frothy or wispy plants you could include in your border are *Valeriana officinalis* which I used in my Harrods garden at the Chelsea Flower Show last year.

It caught the public's attention – everyone kept asking "what is it?"

It's a tall native wildflower, commonly known as valerian or all heal and is commonly used as a medicinal herb to aid sleep.

It has very fragrant white to pale pink flowers, is loved by butterflies

and bees, and is lovely in an informal or cottage garden.

Gypsophila or Baby's Breath is widely used as a cut flower in bouquets to provide an airy contrast to more solid flowers and can perform a similar function in your borders by creating soft clouds of thousands of tiny white flowers. It's drought tolerant so could be a good choice if we're in for a long hot summer.

Towards the end of the summer you could enjoy *Sanguisorba* which have soft pink or white bottlebrush flowers atop stems a metre high.

So, if you think your borders looked a bit flat last year or you want a more romantic dreamy effect, introduce some frothy glamour this year!

Cloud and proud: Baby's Breath



Red alert: Keep an eye out for lily beetles



Bid frost farewell and get cracking

■ Unless frost is forecast, which is unlikely in May, there are a number of jobs you can get on with.

Your pots and hanging baskets can go outside permanently if you have been gradually acclimatising them during the last few weeks.

If not, start to leave them outside during the day so they can adjust to life without radiators.

■ In the veg garden, you can sow seeds directly outdoors

JOBS FOR THE WEEK

that had to be done indoors until now such as pumpkins, courgettes, squash, French beans and sweetcorn.

■ You can plant tender plants such as cannas and dahlias outside now.

■ There are a few pests you need to keep an eye out for – the viburnum beetle can munch through foliage at a

rapid pace. Also check around your lilies for lily beetle.

■ Overcrowded spring bulbs can be lifted and divided once they start to die down.

■ Hang pheromone traps in apple trees to reduce codling moth damage to your fruit.

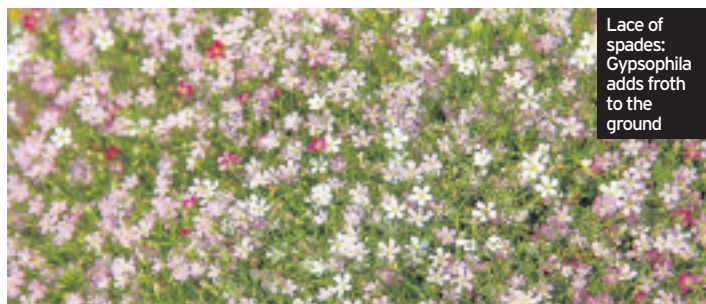
■ Lawns need regular cutting by now and they will love a feed of high nitrogen fertiliser to provide a boost before summer.



Make it sow: Get planting your pumpkin seeds outdoors



Dream fields: Valerian brings a floaty romantic feel to a garden



Lace of spades: Gypsophila adds froth to the ground

ASK DIARMUID

Q What's happened to my rhubarb? It's flopped over and gone red and some of the other leaves are yellow.

I only planted it last year so am disappointed.

I didn't harvest any stems as I was waiting for it to get going. Thanks

Julie Manning



A Looks like your rhubarb is dying down. It's a bit early

for it to do this - as a perennial it will naturally wind

down later in the summer but it might have been under stress this year. Did it go through a long dry period?

Next year, make sure to keep it watered during spring while it's growing and a good mulch around the base will help retain moisture - farmyard manure would be ideal as it would give a good nutrient boost to it as well. Good luck!

PLANT OF THE WEEK

CRATAEGUS MONOGYNA HAWTHORN/MAY TREE

I must sing a song of praise about the May tree this week.

Our native hawthorn can be found in hedgerows the length and breadth of Britain.

The arrival of blossoms signals the start of summer.

It is one of the most valuable species for wildlife - its thorny dense nature makes it the perfect safe nesting area for birds who can then feast on

the bountiful haws in autumn.

The flowers and foliage support over 300 species of insects.

It can be planted in just about any soil in any aspect including seaside locations - though it doesn't like to be heavily waterlogged or in dense shade.

There are also pretty cultivars available as small



specimen trees for the garden such as Paul's Scarlet.

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Immaculate

BYNGHAMS, HARLOW

OFFERS OVER £399,999

Guardian are delighted to offer this four/five bedroom fully-detached house in the highly sought after location of Roydon. The property benefits from four good sized bedrooms, driveway with single garage, two en-suites, DSWC and a downstairs bedroom and sun lounge area. Call to view.



Rarely Available

PEACOCKS, HARLOW £290,000

Guardian are delighted to offer this two/three bedroom end of terrace family house in Peacocks Katherine's a popular private area, properties here are rarely available. The property benefits from two good sized bedrooms a fitted kitchen/large lounge/diner/rear garden and garage en-bloc.



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WHARLEY HOOK

£295,000

SOLD SIMILAR REQUIRED



Church Langley

DAVENPORT, CHURCH LANGLEY OFFERS OVER £279,999

Guardian are delighted to offer this immaculate two-bedroom mid-terraced property in the highly sought after location of Church Langley. The property consists of two good sized bedrooms, modern fitted kitchen, separate dining room to kitchen area and walk-in wardrobe. Call to view via appointment.



Must See

DUCKETTS MEAD, ROYDON OFFERS OVER £599,999

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GLADWIN WAY, FIFTH AVENUE £329,999

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Great Price!

COALPORT CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY £290,000

Guardian are delighted to offer this adequately priced end of terrace family home in Church Langley. In Harlow's most popular private area the property benefits from a DSWC, TWO allocated parking spaces & conservatory to the rear. The rear garden is low maintenance with decking and plastic grass.



Parking

HALLING HILL, HARLOW OFFERS OVER £299,995

Guardian are delighted to offer this immaculate three bedroom mid-terraced home in Halling Hill. The property consists of three good sized bedrooms, off-street parking for two cars via driveway, low maintenance rear garden and a separate toilet to bathroom area.



New on

£279,999

Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented two bedroom detached house in Westfield. The property benefits from two good sized bedrooms and from being only a short walk away from the local town centre, the property is operated on Gas Central Heating and is fully double glazed. Call to view.

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THE FORTUNES £695 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat in the Bush Fair area of The Fortunes. This property offers large living space throughout with a double bedroom, spacious lounge, kitchen with white goods and a wet room. -Gas Heating. -Unfurnished. -Available early June.



RIVERMILL £695 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this 1 bedroom flat that is available early June and offered part furnished the property is situated within walking distance to shops and amenities, an early internal viewing is advised.



NETTESWELL TOWER £710 PCM

One bedroom 4th floor apartment in Netteswell Tower, near to town centre and hospital. Partly furnished, available August 2017. Call to view!



MALLOWS GREEN £725 PCM

One bedroom flat on the outskirts of Harlow - do not miss it! The flat comprises entrance hallway, bathroom, storage cupboard, fitted kitchen and lounge. Partly furnished with kitchen appliances, sofa, dining table and wardrobes. Call today to view.



ARKWRIGHTS £750 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this well presented one bedroom flat in Arkwrights. This property comes part furnished with white goods. Gas heating. Available late August.



ABBOTSWELD £750 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom ground floor flat in Abbotsweld. Gas heating. Part furnished with white goods. Available late May.



SHAWBRIDGE £750 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this 1 bedroom ground floor flat which is located close to shops and amenities. The property is available Mid July.



PEACOCKS £775 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this one bedroom maisonette in immaculate condition. This property comprises from gas heating, electric shower and large living space through out. White goods included. Available Mid July.



MORLEY GROVE £850 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this two double bedroom flat in central Harlow. Gas heating. Part furnished with white goods. Available mid July.



BELLFIELD GARDENS £875 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer for rent this two bedroom first floor flat, situated in the pictures location in Church Langley. The property boasts double glazed windows through out, gas heating to radiator, security entry phone system, and good internal presentation.



BROMLEY CLOSE £900 PCM

An exciting opportunity has arisen to rent a well maintained two bedroom flat in the popular area of Bromley Close, just off Edinburgh Way, close to amenities and short distance from Harlow Mill train station. This property comes part furnished with white goods. Available Mid July.



BERECROFT £1075 PCM

A keenly priced three bedroom terraced property, this property comes part furnished with white goods including an oven/hob, fridge/freezer and a washing machine. The property also comprises from a garden to the rear and gas heating. Available early July.



COALPORT CLOSE £1200 PCM

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WEDGEWOOD DRIVE £1250 PCM

Guardian are delighted to offer this three bedroom semi-detached property in the popular area of Church Langley, Harlow. The property offers a large drive with a garage, generous living space throughout and a garden to the rear. Gas Heating. Available Mid May



ARKWRIGHTS £1250 PCM

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- End Of Terrace
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: TBC



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- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: TBC



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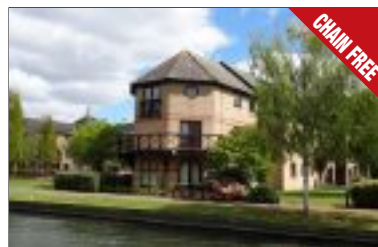
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- Three Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Conservatory
- Semi Detached
- Large Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: TBC

**OIEO £510,000****VICTORIA GATE, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Six Bedrooms
- Detached
- Garage & Off Street Parking
- Three Receptions
- Three Bathrooms
- EPC Rating: D

**£550,000****STONY WOOD, HARLOW**

- Two Bedrooms
- Two Receptions
- Large Garden
- Detached Bungalow
- No Onward Chain
- EPC Rating:- D

**£725,000****MOOR HALL ROAD, OLD HARLOW**

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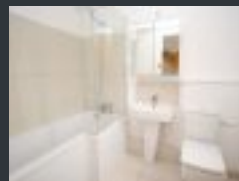
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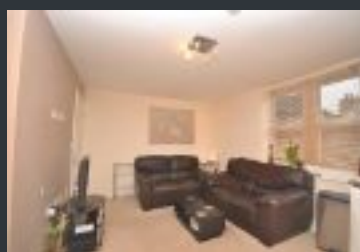


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Challinor £399,995

- Beautiful Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Gorgeous Fitted Kitchen & Family Room
- Downstair Cloakroom
- Detached Garage & Parking
- No Upwards Chain

OLD HARLOW



Manor Road £339,000

- Delightful Semi Detached Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Living Room - Kitchen Breakfast Room
- Potential to add single storey extension STPC
- Potential to add Loft conversion STPC
- No Upwards Chain

NEW INSTRUCTION



Church Leys £299,995

- Spacious Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Dual Aspect open plan Living room
- Huge Kitchen & Dining Room
- Thoughtfully designed Sunny aspect rear garden
- Workshop & Storage Sheds

NEW INSTRUCTION



Willowfield £289,995

- Large Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Separate Dining room
- Bathroom with Bath & Shower Cubical
- 13' x 8' Workshop and Brick Built Shed
- No Upward Chain

NO UPWARDS CHAIN



Shawbridge £275,000

- Large & Spacious Family Home
- Three Double Bedrooms
- Large Fitted Kitchen
- Good sized Living Room
- Huge Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

VIEWINGS RECOMENDED



Jerounds £260,000

- End of Terrace on a Corner Plot
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Dual Aspect Living Room
- Very Large Conservatory
- Sunny Aspect Rear Garden & Large Side Garden
- No Upwards Chain

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**RAM GORSE, HARLOW****£289,995**

- Three Bedrooms
- Completely Refurbished
- Close To Train Station
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Kitchen/Diner
- Ground Floor WC
- EPC Rating: TBC



NEW

**AYNSLEY GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY****£199,950**

- One Bedroom
- Open Plan
- Allocated Parking
- Maisonette
- Ground Floor
- Popular Location
- Lounge/Diner
- EPC Rating: TBC

**MAYPOLE STREET, NEWHALL**

- Four Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Immaculate Home
- Double Driveway
- Detached House
- En-Suite Property
- Grd/Floor Study
- EPC Rating: B

£469,950**COPSE HILL, HARLOW**

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception
- Garden Room
- Garage & Driveway
- Semi Detached
- Extended Property
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: D

£429,995**ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Driveway
- Detached House
- En-Suite Shower
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: D

£419,995**ALBERT GARDENS, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception
- En-Suite Shower
- Plenty Of Parking
- Detached Home
- Conservatory
- Cul-De-Sac Spot
- EPC Rating: D

£409,995**SIMPLICITY LANE, NEWHALL**

- Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Living
- Conservatory/Sun Room
- Parking for at least 3
- Semi Detached
- En-Suite Shower
- Southerly Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£399,995**FINCHMOOR, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Garage & Shared Driveway
- Popular Location
- Semi Detached
- Well Presented
- Gr/Floor Shower Room
- EPC Rating: TBC

£339,995**DOULTON CLOSE, CHURCH LANGLEY**

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Brkfst Room
- Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- End Of Terrace
- En-Suite Shower
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: TBC

£334,995**RADBURN CLOSE, HARLOW**

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception
- Utility Room
- Cloakroom/WC
- End Of Terrace
- Potential For Driveway (STP)
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: E

£319,995**KINGSLAND, HARLOW**

- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Newly Fitted Bathroom
- Chain Free
- Terraced House
- Driveway
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£304,995

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VICARAGE WOOD, HARLOW £269,995

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Immaculate Home
- Double Driveway
- Terraced House
- Modern Kitchen
- 35ft Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: D



LITTLE PYNCHONS, HARLOW £249,995

- Two Double Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location
- Chain Free
- Middle Terrace
- Ground Floor Wet Room
- Close To Amenities
- EPC Rating: TBC



SYCAMORE FIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception
- Outskirts Of Town
- Cloakroom W/C
- Terraced House
- Immaculate Home
- Rear Extension
- EPC Rating: C

£294,995



WILLOWFIELD, HARLOW

- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Extended Property
- Terraced House
- Ground Floor WC
- Popular Location
- EPC Rating: C

£289,995



CHURCH END, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cloakroom/WC
- Driveway
- Terraced House
- Outskirts Of Harlow
- Well Presented
- EPC Rating: C

£289,995



LONGFIELD, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Immaculate Home
- Extended
- Driveway
- Middle Terrace
- Potential Three Bedrooms
- Open Plan Downstairs
- EPC Rating: TBC

£274,995



THE FORTUNES, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory
- Popular Location
- Middle Terrace
- Overlooking Green
- Chain Free
- EPC Rating: TBC

£274,995



THE GARDINERS, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Cul-De-Sac Spot
- Own Parking
- Terraced Home
- Popular Location
- Private Rear Garden
- EPC Rating: C

£274,995



JOYNERS FIELD, HARLOW

- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception
- Modern Kitchen
- Well Presented
- Middle Terrace
- Popular Location
- Close To Shops
- EPC Rating: TBC

£259,995



ST ANDREWS MEADOW, HARLOW

- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Cul-De-Sac Spot
- Allocated Parking
- Mid Terraced
- Close To Shops
- CHAIN FREE
- EPC Rating: D

£259,995



LOWER MEADOW, HARLOW

- One Bedroom
- Own Garden
- Newly Redecorated
- Chain Free
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Lounge/diner
- EPC Rating: D

£164,995



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£395,000 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (The Four Acres). 3 bedroom semi-detached house with a large loft room, good size sitting room, kitchen, conservatory, south facing rear garden, detached single garage, driveway and parking. Walking distance of train station and town centre. Sole agents.



£369,950 CHURCH LANGLEY (Albert Gardens). 3 bedroom semi-detached home with conservatory and garage to side in a Mews location. Beautifully appointed with a luxury bathroom and a downstairs cloakroom. Sole agents.



£549,950 GREAT HALLINGBURY. Surprisingly spacious 3 bedroom semi-detached home with a good size sunny south facing garden, spectacular modern high gloss kitchen/family room leading through to a large open plan conservatory, separate living room, 2 luxury bath/shower room, views over farmland to rear, useful outbuildings and parking for 3 cars. Owners found and ready to move. Sole agents.



GUIDE PRICE £399,950 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Bell Mead). 3 bedroom, 3 storey town house in need of modernisation/renovation and offering scope for further improvement. Benefiting from a good size westerly facing rear garden, driveway and parking plus integral single garage. Vacant possession and no onward chain. Sole agents.



£579,950 RUSSELL FRANCIS WAY. Large 4 double bedroom, 2 bathroom, detached family home with a family friendly layout. Large kitchen/dining room with 2 sets of double opening doors, utility room, good size sitting room, playroom, downstairs w.c., south westerly facing rear garden, triple length rear garage and parking for at least 2 cars. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£459,950 NEWHALL. Unique 4 storey detached home. Architecturally a one-off with 3 double bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, large kitchen/dining room, sitting room with balcony, enclosed rear garden, detached garage and parking. Sole agents.



£475,000 HATFIELD BROAD OAK. Situated in the middle of this much sought after village a 3 bedroom detached bungalow in a tucked away little known location. South facing garden, parking, large living room, separate dining room and kitchen. No onward chain. Sole agents.



£579,950 MAGDALEN LAVER (The Glebe). Extended 4 bedroom family home finished to an extremely high standard throughout. Huge bespoke kitchen/dining/family room, 2 bathrooms, in excess of 100ft rear garden backing onto open fields, driveway and parking. Must be viewed. Sole agents.



£525,000 (AYTHORPE RODING). Surprisingly spacious 4 bedroom detached bungalow in a country lane location. Good size garden and views over open farmland. In need of some modernisation but benefiting from a double garage and a large "In & out" driveway. Vacant possession and no onward chain.



£528,950 LITTLE HALLINGBURY (Hallingbury Close). Detached 4 bedroom home which is beautifully presented with 3 reception rooms, "in and out" drive, bathroom plus en-suite shower room, south facing garden. 5 mins drive to Bishops Stortford. Sole agents.



£829,950 SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Knight Street). Fantastic location in the heart of the town. Parking for at least 6 cars, double garage, large living room, spacious kitchen/dining room, study, landscaped garden with heated swimming pool, 4 double bedrooms, en-suite, double glazed windows and bi-folding doors. Early viewing is essential. Phone now for brochure. Sole agents.



£695,000 LITTLE HALLINGBURY. Large detached barn conversion in need of modernisation/renovation. 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, 5550 sq ft of accommodation and detached double carport. Vacant possession and no onward chain. Sole agents.



£1,295,000 OLD HARLOW (Moor Hall Road). Imposing 4 bedroom detached Victorian house in a 1 acre mature plot. Beautifully presented with a magnificent kitchen/breakfast room, large sitting room, dining room, orangery, gated entrance, excellent frontage, double cart lodge. Sole agents.



£925,000 HIGH WYCK. A great layout for a family. 5 bedroom detached house with a double garage in a tucked away gated development in the middle of the village. 5 bedroom, 4 luxury bath/shower rooms, excellent reception space with a large entrance hall, playroom, study/office, large living room, conservatory, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room. Beautifully maintained throughout. No onward chain can be offered. Sole agents.

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£795pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Hazel Gardens). Well-presented first floor maisonette situated within walking distance of all local amenities including the mainline railway station. Enjoying its own private entrance, double bedroom with large fitted wardrobes, good size living room, kitchen with appliances and shower room. Off road parking. Available mid June.



£995pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings). Completely renovated 2 bedroom second floor apartment, just a short distance from station and town centre. The property comprises 2 double bedrooms, newly fitted bathroom, large living room/dining room and luxury fitted kitchen. Fine views over the marina and beyond, allocated parking. Unfurnished and available now.



£850pcm BISHOPS STORTFORD (Grove Place). A well presented 2 bedroom mid terrace Victorian cottage. Comprising living room and fitted kitchen, good size bedroom plus further single room/study and bathroom to first floor. Courtyard rear garden, large front garden, outbuilding, short walk to town centre and BR train station, available June.



£925pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings). An extremely well maintained and unfurnished two bedroom ground floor apartment, only a short walk from the mainline station and other facilities. The property comprises entrance hall, sitting room, recently updated kitchen, two bedrooms, a modernised bathroom and gas fired central heating.



£950pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings). A well presented two bedroom apartment in a convenient location close to mainline railway station. Offered unfurnished the property enjoys a bright lounge, bathroom and kitchen with integrated appliances, 2 good size bedrooms, ample storage, allocated parking and communal gardens. Available now.



£1250pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Lawrence Moorings). A 3 bed split level duplex apartment in idyllic surrounding with fantastic views over River Stort. Unfurnished with a large lounge with windows on three aspects and French doors to patio area, separate kitchen, family bathroom with shower cubicle and 3 good size bedrooms. Allocated parking. Available mid June.



£1350pcm SHEERING (The Street). Detached, three bedroom family home ideally located just two minutes walk from local amenities. This unfurnished property benefits from dining room, good size lounge, kitchen, utility rooms, three good size bedrooms and family shower room. Large rear garden, garage and driveway. Available mid July.



£1450pcm HATFIELD HEATH (Ardley End). 3-4 bedroom unfurnished family home in a popular location, a short walk from local facilities and a short drive to station. Sitting room, kitchen/breakfast room, downstairs reception/bed four and en-suite shower room. 3 bedrooms and bathroom to the first floor. Rear garden and allocated parking. Available now.



£1450pcm WHITE RODING (Chelmsford Road). 3 bedroom semi-detached family home situated on the outskirts of a popular village. Ground floor shower room and further family bathroom, large living room, fitted kitchen, separate dining room, and three double bedrooms. Large drive with ample parking and a good size rear garden. Available June.



£2350pcm LITTLE HALLINGBURY (Little Hallingbury Park). Stunning 4/5 Bedroom, detached, thatched cottage located in the picturesque Little Hallingbury Park. Providing spacious and versatile accommodation the property benefits from a wealth of period features throughout. Mature gardens to the front and rear, as well as a beautiful tree lined approach.



£2500pcm SAWBRIDGEWORTH (Parsonage Lane). A well maintained and unfurnished five bed detached family home only a short distance from Sawbridgeworth town centre with facilities and mainline station. The property comprises 5 bedroom, 3 with en-suites, family bathroom to 1st floor. Downstairs there is a kitchen, orangery, separate dining room, sitting room, utility and boot room. Outside are manicured gardens and swimming pool. Available mid June.





Guilfords £175,000

- One Bedroom Flat
- Ground Floor
- Large Lounge Diner
- Double Bedroom
- Modern Fitted Kitchen



Woodcroft Offers Over £250,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Semi-Detached
- Lounge & Separate Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom



Joyners Field Offers over £269,000

- Three Bedroom Family Home
- Mid Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Modern Fitted Kitchen & Bathroom
- Separate WC
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Un-Overlooked Rear Garden



Green Hills £270,000

- Three Bedroom (Currently Two) Family Home
- Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating & Double Glazing
- Mid Terrace
- Modern Fitted Kitchen
- Fitted Bathroom
- Viewing Recommended



Bentley Drive Offers in excess of £290,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- Church Langley Location
- Lounge Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- One Allocated Parking Space



New
Instruction

OPEN
HOUSE

Barn Mead £230,000-£250,000

- Two Bedroom Home
- End of Terrace
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazing
- Fitted Kitchen
- Viewing Recommended
- No Chain



Westfield £350,000-£370,000

- Four Bedrooms
- End of Terrace
- Extended Property
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Utility Room
- Lounge & Separate Dining Room



Fenton Grange £450,000

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Detached Property
- Church Langley Location
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Gas Central Heating
- En Suite to Master Bedroom
- Family Bathroom



New
Instruction

OPEN
HOUSE

Altham Grove £240,000-£260,000

- GUIDE PRICE £240,000 - £260,000. An OPEN DAY has been arranged for SATURDAY 3rd June 2017 between 12.00 - 1.00pm - PLEASE CALL TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT



NEW
PRICE

Hart Road OIEO £545,000

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Detached
- Garage & Drive
- Large Open Hallway
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom



New
Instruction

Sheering Road OIEO £575,000

- Four Bedroom Family Home
- Semi Detached
- Private Gated Development
- Modern Fixtures & Fittings
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite



New
Instruction

CLOSE TO
SCHOOLING

Pear Tree Mead CM18 7BY

- Three bedroom End of Terrace family home.
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Central Heating
- Close to amenities
- Close to local schooling.



New
Instruction

Transport
Links

Broadley Common £450,000

- Three/Four bedroom Property
- Potential for loft conversion (subject to planning)
- Parking for five vehicles
- Double Glazing & GCH
- Spacious Lounge/dining area



MARKET HOUSE £1450 PCM

- Sawbridgeworth
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- One Allocated Parking Space
- Ground Floor
- Gated Property
- Open Plan
- Stunning Property
- Available Now



MARKET HOUSE £1,000 PCM

- One Bedroom Apartment
- Grade II listed building
- Integrated Appliances
- Gas Central Heating
- Gated Property
- Admins Fees Apply
- Allocated Parking
- Full Of Character & Charm
- Available Now
- Must Be Viewed



CARTERS MEAD £950 PCM

- Two Bed House
- Double Bedrooms
- Potter Street
- EPC Rating D
- Gas central Heating
- Close To School/Shops
- * Admin Fees Apply
- Available Now

NEW LISTING



ABBOTSWELD £700 PCM

- One Bedroom Flat
- First Floor
- Part furnished
- Modern Property
- Part Furnished
- EPC Rating D
- Available End June

NEW LISTING



RIVERMILL £675 PCM

- One Bedroom Top Floor Flat
- Gas Central Heating
- Close to Town Centre & Train Station
- Unfurnished White Goods Only
- EPC Rating - C
- Council Tax Band A
- Available Now
- * Admin Fees Apply



Longbanks £650 PCM

- One Bedroom Flat
- White Goods Only
- Gas Central Heating
- Council Tax Band B
- Walking Distance to Local Shops
- EPC Rating D
- Available July 18th

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FOR SALE
SEYMOURS, HARLOW, £300,000
 • Three Bedroom House • Garage and Driveway • Downstairs Cloakroom • Gas Central Heating • New Bathroom Suite • Modern Fitted Kitchen • EPC Band TBC



FOR SALE
SCHOOL LANE, HARLOW, £425,000
 • Four Bedroom House • Semi Detached • Close to Town Centre & Town Park • New Fitted Kitchen • Double Bedrooms, Two with En-suite • Garage • EPC Band D



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MILLERSDALE, HARLOW, Guide Price £450 - £480,000
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MALLOWS GREEN, HARLOW, £155,000

● One Bed Flat ● Ground Floor ● Gas Central Heating ● Chain Free ● EPC Band C

SOLD



MILL COURT, HARLOW, £169,500

● Two Bedroom Apartment ● Ideal for Station ● Private Parking ● EPC Band E

SOLD



SHAWBRIDGE, HARLOW, £185,000

● Two Bedroom Apartment ● First Floor ● Fitted Kitchen ● Chain Free ● Close to Local Shops & Schools ● Gas Central Heating ● EPC Band C

SOLD



DADSWOOD, HARLOW, £190,000

● Two Bedroom Flat ● Close to Town Centre ● EPC Band C ● INVESTORS ONLY

SOLD



MILESTONE ROAD, NEWHALL, £190,000

● One Bedroom Apartment ● Gas Central Heating ● Allocated Parking ● EPC Band C

SOLD



BARLEY CROFT, HARLOW, £190,000

● Two DOUBLE Bedrooms ● Chain Free ● Two Reception Rooms ● EPC Band E

SOLD



MILESTONE ROAD, NEWHALL, £215,000

● Two Bedroom Apartment ● Ground Floor ● Fitted Kitchen with Appliances ● Allocated Parking ● Secure Entry System ● Open Plan Layout ● EPC Band TBC

SOLD



COALPORT CLOSE, HARLOW, £250,000

● Two Bedroom House ● Fitted Kitchen ● Parking ● Chain Free ● EPC Band C

SOLD



MARKWELL WOOD, HARLOW, £265,000

● Two Bedroom House ● Private Area ● Chain Free ● EPC Band C

SOLD



RAMBLERS LANE, NEWHALL, £294,995

● Two Bedroom House ● Semi Detached ● Chain Free ● EPC Band C

SOLD



WESTBURY RISE, HARLOW, £325,000

● Three Bedroom House ● Conservatory ● Chain Free ● EPC Band D

SOLD



FIR PARK, HARLOW, £450,000

● Four Bedroom House ● Double Garage ● Conservatory ● EPC Band D



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£270,000

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- Two DOUBLE Bedrooms
- Situated Within Walking Distance To Tesco's
- Allocated Parking For Two Cars
- Secluded Private Rear Garden With Rear Access
- E.P.C. Rating: C

MORE REQUIRED!



Malkin Drive

£295,000

- A Two Bedroom Terrace House
- Fitted Kitchen
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge/ Diner
- Garage With Parking For One Car
- E.P.C. Rating: Awaiting

MORE REQUIRED!



Bentley Drive

O.I.R.O - £355,000

- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- CHAIN FREE
- Lounge With Archway To Dining Room
- Conservatory To The Rear
- Allocated Parking For TWO Vehicles
- E.P.C. Rating: C

MUST BE SEEN!



Challinor

O.I.E.O - £355,000

- A Three Bedroom Semi-detached House
- Single Storey Rear Extension
- Secluded Southerly Facing Rear Garden With Side Access
- First Floor Family Bathroom & Ground Floor W.C.
- Garage En Bloc & Allocated Parking
- E.P.C. Rating: D

CHAIN FREE

NEW INSTRUCTION



Davenport

£365,000

- A Three Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- Situated At The End Of A Residential Cul-De-Sac
- Open Planned Lounge/Dining Area
- Downstairs W.C.
- Single Garage & Off Street Parking For One Vehicle
- E.P.C. Rating: C



Heathcote Gardens

£410,000

- A Three Bedroom Detached Family Home
- Situated In A Cul-De-Sac Location
- Conservatory To The Rear
- En-Suite To The Master Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- E.P.C. Rating: D

MORE REQUIRED!

NEW INSTRUCTION



Bentley Drive

£415,000

- A Four Bedroom End Of Terrace House
- CHAIN FREE
- Allocated Parking For Two Cars
- Garage
- Fully Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- E.P.C. Rating: C

CHAIN FREE



Malkin Drive

£440,000

- A Four Bedroom Townhouse
- CHAIN FREE
- Situated In A Cul-De-Sac Location
- Converted Garage Into A Kitchen / Diner
- Driveway For Two Cars
- E.P.C. Rating: C

CHAIN FREE

NEW INSTRUCTION



Fullers Mead

O.I.R.O - £300,000

- A Three Bedroom Terrace House
- Separate Living & Dining Room
- Secluded Rear Garden With Side Access
- Driveway For Two Plus Vehicles
- First Floor Family Bathroom
- E.P.C. Rating: C



Chelsea Gardens

£375,000

- A Three Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Situated In A Cul-De-Sac Location
- Fitted Kitchen
- Separate Lounge And Diner
- Garage & Driveway For One Vehicle
- E.P.C. Rating: C



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£224,995

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- Situated Within One Mile Of Harlow Center
- Two Double Size Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
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- EPC Rating : Awaiting

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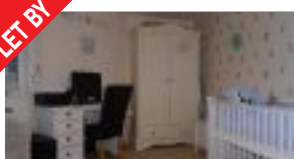
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AT A GLANCE

- **Model:** Vauxhall Crossland X 1.2T 110 Ecotech SE
- **Price:** £17,875
- **Engine:** 1.2-litre three-cylinder turbocharged 108bhp petrol
- **Transmission:** Five-speed manual gearbox (automatic option coming later)
- **Performance:** 0 to 62mph 10.6 seconds, top speed 117mph
- **CO2:** 109g/km
- **Fuel Consumption:** 58.9mpg
- **BIK:** 20%
- **Insurance group:** TBA
- **On sale:** Orders taken now for July delivery

By David Ward

It might seem a tad brave of a car maker to launch a new model that in many ways is identical to one of their most successful current cars in the showroom which could possibly confuse the motor-buying public.

But there is a reason for this apparent method in their madness by Vauxhall who have unveiled their compact crossover the Crossland X, which goes on sale in July and is on the surface a direct competitor to their Mokka X in the same sector.

Vauxhall bosses see the Mokka X as a more traditional small Sports Utility Vehicle with its bigger 19-inch wheels, more aggressive looking stance with four-wheel-drive and attracting younger drivers with that kind of outgoing, active lifestyle.

Meanwhile this new Crossland X may physically be around the same size as the Mokka X but it's aimed at either the family motorist with two kids, or those early retirees around the 60 to 70 age mark, where practicality, versatility and sensible fun-to-drive are more the prerequisite needs.

In effect, this new Crossland X replaces the old Vauxhall Meriva and not only competes against the Mokka X but also rival makes like the Renault Captur and Peugeot 2008.

Mention Peugeot of course and everyone knows that the Peugeot/Citroen group has recently bought from America's General Motors both the Vauxhall brand and its German sister Opel so without doubt we will see more crossover of mechanical parts and car technology within this new sizeable outfit in the coming years.

Ironically this new Crossland X shares the same platform of the forthcoming new Citroen C3 Picasso and both will be built in the same Spanish PSA factory but all this groundwork was completed long before the big takeover was completed.

It's the same with the engines being offered in this new Crossland X which are all Peugeot based with three petrol versions (79, 108 and 128bhp) from the French developed 1.2-litre Pure Tech and two 1.6-litre turbo diesels with outputs of 97 and 118bhp.

Vauxhall design chief Richard Shaw believes the two so-called in-house rivals will have distinctive sales patterns with this new Crossland X appealing more to ordinary families "needing a kind of softer approach to their everyday driving requirements."

"We expect private, retail sales

to account for over 65 per cent of all Crossland X sales with probably around the remainder going to fleet buyers," he explained at the First Drive media launch. "They are different and will appeal to different buyers to that of the Mokka X.

"We expect the 1.2T 110 Ecotech SE (£17,875) to be the best seller and we are offering five levels of trim with many optional extras so drivers can in a way personalise their own car," he added.

There are five trim levels starting with the 1.2-litre 79bhp petrol engined SE (from £16,555),

then the Tech Line (from £16,650), moving up to the SE Sat Nav (£17,255). Then the Elite (from £17,755) and finally the Elite Nav from £18,455.

So what's the expected favourite like to drive?

For a start it has the exceptionally refined and efficient Peugeot 1.2-litre engine under the bonnet which gives a decent enough road going performance which is only spoilt really by the five-speed gearbox, not the best in the world it has to be said, where a six-speed manual would have been much better in my book (an automatic box will be available later).

The steering may be light but it's not exactly precise and there's hardly any feedback but again in these situations the driver will soon adjust to its driving traits and overall this engine is a good one as Peugeot have already proved in their own cars.

Fuel economy is good though with almost 60mpg given as the official combined figure and on a morning's test run over a variety of roads and traffic conditions it returned a satisfactory 48.6mpg.

Inside the Crossland X is decent being practical rather than with any luxury, plenty of soft plastic on the dashboard and surrounds though and all feeling fairly solid while space is impressive with plenty of head and leg room front and rear and

the 410 litre boot space is better than on the Mokka X.

There is a more than handy £300 option pack available which offers rear seats that slide forward and back and also fold 40/20/40 again giving more flexibility in terms of luggage room – yes well worth the extra cash for this one.

Across the whole Crossland X range there is a plethora of options available on every model and would-be buyers will need to spend some time beforehand going this maze to make any decisions but there's clearly something for everyone.

Overall standard equipment levels are highly impressive with even the basic 1.2-litre entry-level having alloy wheels, cruise and climate controls, seven-inch infotainment touch screen system (really easy to use too), Bluetooth, Apple CarPlay and Android Auto smartphone monitoring, plus leather covered steering wheel, LED daytime running lights. Anti-lock brakes and hill assist start.

This is quite an impressive list for any entry-level model in today's market.

Overall a welcome arrival in this fast-growing sector and Vauxhall are not finished here either – later this year motorists will see a new Grandland X model understandably based on the current Peugeot 2008.



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FACILITIES SUPPORT OPERATIVE REQUIRED: JULY 2017

The position of Facilities Support Operative involves assisting with the general day-to-day running of the College and duties can be undertaken in support of any area or department in the College. The daily working hours are flexible depending on operational need, but normally Monday to Saturday (including a one-hour unpaid lunch/dinner break) and may include occasional Sundays. Total working hours a week are 43 hours. A Full Clean Driving Licence is essential.

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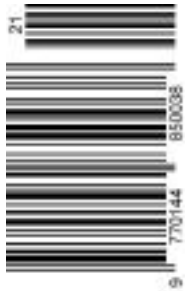
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Harlow frustrated by another draw

Orsett hang on to deny victory despite Baxter spell

HARLOW Cricket Club were forced to settle for a share of the spoils at Orsett and Thurrock, with their second consecutive draw leaving them in fourth place in the Shepherd Neame Essex League Division One.

Windy yet sunny conditions greeted the Harlow players, but they found themselves the wrong side of the toss and were put in to bat on a green, soft and wet wicket.

Despite this Harlow openers Hafiz Yawar Afzal (21) and Alan Jones (27) showed how to deal with such a wicket by playing cautiously and putting the bad ball away.

With a solid platform established, Rehman Ahmed (44) and Ahmed Khawaja (60) upped the run rate as Harlow reached 206-6 off their 50 overs.

Ubaid Ur Rehman Kiani chipped in with a valuable 28 not out.

Pressure

Orsett's batsmen went about their reply in similar fashion. However, Harlow's bowling was a lot tighter and with the pressure on the home side to catch up with the game, they lost wickets at regular intervals.

Man of the match Nick Baxter (4-36) and Mitchell Howarde (3-50) were the main wicket takers as Orsett hung on for a draw at 177-9.

This Saturday Harlow will be hoping to get back on the winning track as they host Belhus CC at Marigolds.

The second XI hosted Hutton II. Harlow won the toss and opted to field.

It was a good decision and they



Harlow's Ahmed Khawaja upped the run rate against Orsett and Thurrock

pegged Hutton back to 103-9 from 37 overs in a rain affected game.

Pick of the bowling was Danny Stone with figures of 5-33, while captain Lewis Aldred chipped in with two wickets.

Replying, Harlow scored 105-4, with Luke Heskett striking 31 not out to win with ease.

The third team's game against Woodford Wells III was abandoned because of rain, while the

fourth team had a comfortable victory at Orsett and Thurrock III, bowling them out for just 98, with Jake Hitematshah taking 4-30.

Fifth team skipper Jack Styles

led the way against Hockerill III, taking 2-22 as the opposition scored 166-3, and then hitting 75, well supported by Andy Yeats (59 not out), as they overhauled the target on 167-2.

Speedy Nick smashes tri personal best

HARLOW Running Club members were out and about at various events over the weekend, at home and abroad.

Nick D'Alton smashed his personal best by an incredible 26 minutes as he took on the Grafman Half Ironman Triathlon in Huntingdon.

He finished the 1.2 mile open water swim, 55 mile bike ride and 13.1 mile half marathon run in 205th place out of 577 finishers, clocking 5hr 07min 53sec.

Meanwhile, at the ITU Sprint Distance Triathlon, a 750 metre open water swim, 21k bike ride and 5k run, at Dorney Lake in Berkshire, Andrew Kitson finished in 199th place out of 710 finishers, posting 1:10:09 – more than two minutes quicker than his time last year.

At the Exeter Marathon, Martin Elven finished in 289th place out of 310 finishers in 5:32:16 in his debut at the distance.

Sean Flynn raced in the Wimbledon Half Marathon, finished in 221st place out of 830 finishers in 1:53:01.

Much further afield Andy Kinney faced searing temperatures and high humidity at the Kuala Lumpur Half Marathon in Malaysia. He finished in a very respectable 160th out of 200 finishers in 2:53:29.

At the Wimpole Estate 10k in Cambridgeshire, Brenda Clayton was second Female 60+ as she was 406th out of 649 finishers with a time of 1:06:03.

Excellent

Danny McCree took the honours in the Harlow parkrun 5k, heading home a field of 205 finishers in an excellent PB of 18:57.

He was followed by: Darren Tiley third, 19:43; Greg Goodey fourth, 20:34; Martyn Coulter ninth, 20:51; Martin Westley 19th, 22:29; Sean Flynn 26th and 1st Vet 55, 22:54; Paul Dixon 35th, 23:38; Catherine Ridge 36th, 23:54; Andy Smith 37th, 24:03; Jim Bates 48th and first Vet 70, 25:26.

Andrew Smith 58th, 26:13; Alex Smith 59th, 26:13; Debbie Barry 61st and second Female Vet 55, 26:27; Louise Kedg 63rd, 26:53; Louise Coates 66th, 27:00; Peter Mills 84th and second Vet 70, 28:03; Austin Nyamande 89th, 28:21; Alan Wellbelove 94th, 29:12; Pushpa Mistry 120th, 31:32; Melanie Harris 128th and first Female Vet 60, 32:57 and Joanne Mills 135th and first Female Vet 65, 33:09.

At the Hatfield Forest parkrun 5k Rich Hynes finished in fifth place out of 324 finishers in a superb 18:54, Alan Broughton was 15th and first Vet 50 in 20:19, John Bull 44th in 22:50, Terry Pike 182nd in 29:26 and Janice Page 211th in 31:12.

At the Gunpowder parkrun 5k at Waltham Forest, Daniel Jephcott finished in third place out of 216 finishers in 19:00, Jamie Jephcott was 19th in 21:23.

Town's best laid plans come to nothing at the Green

AFTER a week of horrendous weather, it was perhaps no surprise the wicket that greeted Harlow Town in their in Shepherd Neame Essex League Division Three fixture at Woodford Green was incredibly damp.

Losing the toss, Harlow Town were asked to bat first.

A combination of attacking stroke play and slightly wayward bowling from one end, allowed the Town openers, especially Ashley Alderson, to get off to a good start.

Four fours and a six inside

Alderson's first 16 balls saw him race to 23. However, when he cut his 17th delivery into the hands of gully with the score on 30, the game swung drastically in Woodford Green's favour.

With the wicket sticking, together with a disciplined slow attack and a well set field, run scoring became almost impossible.

The only option was to try to be positive – however, this proved the undoing of almost their entire top order.

Joe Holland (three), Neil Gladwin (seven) and Daniel

Baldwin (22) all tried to go over the top, failing to get significant contact on the ball and finding the safe hands of fielders as 30-1 became to 57-4.

New man Jay Pathak, playing his first game in English conditions, couldn't have asked for a more unnatural wicket to make his debut on.

Both he and captain Scott Alderson were beaten by the conditions and Town were in deep trouble at 69-6.

After a short rain break, Pat Yates and Daniel Farmer tried to get their side to a competitive

total. With the freshened up wicket, along with a change in Woodford Green's attack, there were a few more scoring options.

Yates went for 16, leaving Farmer to bat out the innings.

His 41 off 49 balls was a brilliant effort and the sole reason Town finished on 135-9 off their reduced 43 overs.

Needing early wickets, Town got the perfect start as Pathak claimed his first wicket for the club, finding the edge of opener Amrit Ryatt for one.

However, this was the only wicket that fell in the opening

spell as a number of chances were not claimed. Woodford moved on to 56-2 before Farmer dismissed captain Hamaad Sayeed, cutting to the hands of Alderson.

But Sean Martin (47) held their innings and their victory charge, intact. Despite Has Ali claiming four wickets, Woodford eased to victory.

This was a disappointing loss for Harlow Town, but one they will look back on knowing their plans were solid – just their execution wasn't quite up to scratch.